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With Gypsy Moth Outbreak, **Borough and Township Find Some Common Ground**

Princeton Borough and Township, responding to increased concerns regarding an ongoing inlestation of gypsy moths, are expected to begin working together to solve the vexing outbreak once the New Year begins.

Princeton Township began discussions last week outlining a \$64,000 aerial suppression program that would target frees in parts of its southeastern quadrant in a plan that would likely be executed in a two-part manner. However, at that December 18 meeting, Township administrator James Pascale asked the Township's arborist, Greg O'Neil, to examine the possibility of cutting that program in hall.

Mr. O'Neil indicated in his presentation to Committee that it was unlikely the municipality would receive linancial assistance from the state.

However, Mr. O'Neil, along with Com mitteeman Chad Goerner, did indicate that since the moths, like the deer herd, are not bound to one municipality, the program could be more effective if the Borough were involved. The Borough briefly discussed, but ultimately voted down, an aerial suppression program at its December 5 meeting, with some Council members saying there had not been enough information on the table at the time. The Borough's Shade Tree Commission is expected to examine the program, ultimately submitting a more comprehensive strategy for Council review.

However, it may not take that long.

With one of the problem areas in the Borough identified as Marquand Park, which lies on the border of Princeton Township, some are calling for the Borough to pick up the pace.

"We didn't receive a lot of information as to why this is urgent, and I think Council took prudent action at the time, but now we could be lacing a crisis situation, where, in 2007, there could be a real danger that trees will be detoliated by gypsy moths," said Councilman Andrew Koontz this week, adding that he had already approached the municipal administrator Robert Bruschi in getting the discussion put on to a Council agenda early next year.

While Mr. Koontz has yet to contact the state, he said he would seek quidance from state and local representatives. "We need to find out what we're facing with or without the program, and we face the risk Continued on Page 2

Considering 2006: What Mattered Locally?

will be asked to consider what were the significant local issues of 2006. The ongoing planning process related to the relocation of the University Medical Center at Princeton is likely to be a popular answer, along with the recently announced closing of Micawber Books.

Social issues like police conduct, and local and state issues like property tax can also be expected, but it is unlikely that anyone will come up with an answer that clearly summarizes 2006 in Princeton.

Albert Hinds, 1902-2006

One person who was well qualified to answer the unanswerable question died this year. At 104 years old, Albert Hinds

In next week's Town Talk, passers-by was one of the lew residents who could accurately say what was important tocatly and what was not, because of his noted sense of history and clarity. He had been featured in the pages of this newspaper countless times throughout the years, and one can only imagine what he might single out as being the "most important," but perhaps it would have been something more philosophical, less specific. The town's resident witness of history, as local historian Shirley Satterfield has termed him, had seen it all.

> A major part of what made Albert Hinds special, Ms. Sattertield said, was the tact that he was an "ordinary guy," holding down several jobs, often at the same time, and through it all maintained a both "proud

and humblo" demeanor that set him aside from his contemporaries.

Hospital Moves Forward

Following its November 2005 announcement that Princeton HealthCare Systom would move its University Medical Center at Princeton and Merwick Care Contor to Plainsboro, the public planning process began, examining zoning that will allow for luture development on the sites where UMCP and Merwick are currently located, and shaping what luture dovelopment will look like.

The 12-acre Witherspoon campus straddles the Princeton Borough and Township municipal border and town planners sought to choroograph future zoning there that would complicate the separate, but tused, sites. What is likely to be built thore, up to 280 residential units, with street level commercial and office space, received praise from some

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With New Campus Plan, **PU Making Strides To Be a Good Neighbor**

It's no secret that Princeton University, with its significant land holdings in Princeton Borough, Princeton Township, West Windsor, and South Brunswick, is a major force in employment, and an entity to be considered in any major developmental prospect in the region.

Princeton HealthCare System's relocation of its University Medical Center at Princeton and Merwick Care Center to Plainsboro Township is only the latest example of the University's presence in town, as the school is a contract purchaser for the Merwick site, as well as of a two-acre surlace lot on Franklin Avenue, adjacent to the current hospital.

Before the hospital announced its intended location, to a 158-acre tract owned and occupied by FMC Corp., if was widely speculated that PHCS and the University could have brokered a type of land swap, as the University makes its campus denser and pedestrian-oriented. The school's holdings in West Windsor, South Brunswick, or Plainsboro, were considered, as well as up to 15 other possible sites in the area.

But the school's strategy is a bit dilferent than that of a developer with a lot of land. In 2004, Princeton University turned over the deed for the lirst 10 acres of property it owned in South Brunswick Continued on Page 9

TAKING UP MAYOR O'NEILL'S CAUSE: Last spring, as the Princeton Parks Alliance neared its financial goal of \$125,000 to permanently light the Princeton Battle Monument at Borough Hall, a goal of the late Borough Mayor Joe O'Neili, the nearly BO-percent complete fund-raising camplagn received a boost when Herb Hobler, left, and Arthur Morgan, right, raised nearly \$20,000. Mr. O'Neill's wife, Anne, pictured at center, took up the cause of lighting the monument after her husband's death. (Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

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Gypsy Moth Outbreak

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of having some really valuable trees lost — and that would be terrible."

Gyspy moths are typically spread in the larva stage, which coincides with tree budding, according to Mr. O'Neil, and larvae can spread by wind, or by latching on to cars and other objects coming from infested areas. In addition to Marquand Park, the Jugtown section of Princeton Borough has also been identified as potentially at risk with its oak tree population. Oaks and aspens are known common hosts for gypsy moths.

Other areas in Mercer County, including West Windsor and Hamilton townships, have also been identified as high risk areas in this year's outbreak.

Mr. Bruschi said a renewed discussion could appear on a Borough Council agenda within the first couple of weeks of January, pending the findings of the Shade Tree Commission. "We need to get them in gear, put together some additional staff information, and see what the Council decides."

-Matthew Hersh

3 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 3 births to area residents during the week of December 11.

Sons were born to Candice and Ron Sparks, Princeton, December 12; and Paula Rubio and Barry Alexander, Princeton, December 12.

A Daughter was born to Sara Ostergaard and Mads Lausten, Princeton, December 13.

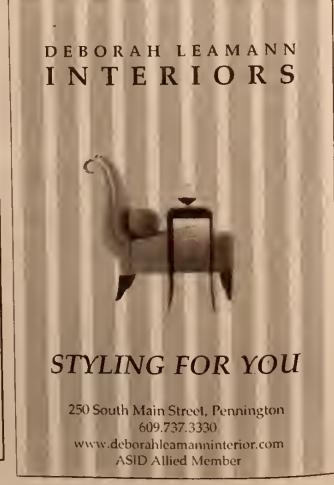
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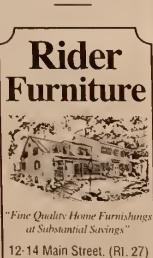
At the December 20 Princeton Regional Board of Education meeting a special ad hoc subcommittee presented a 15-page supplement to the Memorandum of Agreement between Princeton Regional Schools, the Borough and Township police departments, and the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. The aim was to articulate and clarify an understanding between the schools and the police that would take into account the interests and rights of students while still observing the "legitimate needs of law enforcement." The measure stemmed from a September 20 incident where four underage PHS students were arrested at the school for their suspected involvement in reported September 8 assaults in the Borough.

Princeton Township Committee last week approved an \$89,000 sanitary sewer lateral replacement project along Route 206 and Laurel Circle. The project will involve the video inspection and replacement of defective sanitary sewer laterals for any home connected to the public sanitary sewer system along the two streets. The Township last week also authorized a similar \$32,000 project for Audubon Lane, off Rosedale Road, near the Lawrence Township border.

J. Robert Hillier, of the West Windsor-based Hillier Architecture, was chosen in a 4-1 vote, according to the Times of Trenton, by the West Windsor Township Council for a 10-month contract in the 350-acre redevelopment effort in the area surrounding the Princeton Junction at West Windsor rail station. The move follows last month's Council vote effectively choosing Mr. Hillier's firm over two other potential candidates. Mr. Hillier is a part owner of Town Topics.

Princeton Borough and Princeton Township municipal offices will be closed this Friday, December 29, and Monday, January 1, in observance of New Years Day. Municipal offices will reopen Tuesday, January 2.





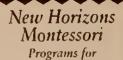
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HAPPY 2007 FROM TOWN TOPICS: Wishing one and all a Happy New Year, Town Topics staffers, with a few excepions, gather for the last group picture in tront of the old building at 4 Mercer Street. Next year's photo will have a different background as the paper moves its operations to 103 Witherspoon Street.

Holiday Spirit Alive and Well in Princeton As Group Helps Community Volunteer

If you've lived in the Bor- it seems her living situation ough for some time, you is uncertain. might know the name Helen Bess; if you don't, there's still a good chance you know her. She's been a member of the Princeton Regional Board of Health, volunteered at the Y, served as a poll worker, and as a member of the Princeton Community Housing

She is also a 45-year resident of John Street, but now,

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Last month, signilicant damage was done to Ms. Bess's John Street home when an electrical fire incurred an estimated \$75,000 to \$100,000 worth of damage, according to Lance Liverman, a member of Princeton Township Committee as well as the Corner House Board, a non-profit counseling organization for adults, adolescents, and their lamilies. Mr. Liverman has called on members of the community, along with local

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architects and developers, to help in restoring Ms. Bess's home.

"We're asking the community to step up to the plate and we're going to try to see what we can do," Mr. Liverman said, adding that he was "hopeful" enough people would show interest and "make this thing work."

Ms. Bess, now an octogenarian, "has her wits, and is lucid," said her daughter, Michele Elbaridi. However, a series of small strokes — a result of high blood pressure has begun to affect her memory, Ms. Elbaridi said.

"I said to my sister one day 'you better check mom's finances, because she hasn't been paying some of her

"She could be distracted and that worried me," she

And while her family had gotten Ms. Bess mostly back on track, "the home insurance was not taken care of," Ms. Elbaridi said. "When the fire took place, we were just devastated."

That was when Ms. Elbaridi approached Mr. Liverman to help make a plea. "She's always been the type of person who when you needed help, she was there.

"Now she's the one that needs help," Ms. Elbaridi

Mr. Liverman addressed members of the Corner House board looking to get the organization involved in the effort. "We've already done some Christmas shopping with Ms. Bess's two granddaughters," Mr. Liverman said.

"It's so important to have an organization like that that can galvanize this kind of eflort," Mr. Liverman said Friday, but acknowledged that the goal won't be easy. "All we can do is try to see what we can do.'

Fortunately for Ms. Bess, the house is structurally sound, and she is able to live in an attached home with her other daughter Lisa and husband Andrew, along with their five children. Ms. Elbaridi ollered praise to the Princeton Fire Department in responding quickly to the scene and getting everyone in the house to safety. "By the grace of God, they all got out," she said.

Those who want to help can send checks to Frances Lapera, c/o Helen Bess, 22 Musket Drive, Kendall Park, NJ, 08824. Ms. Lapera, a friend of the Bess family, is the co-owner of the Princeton Laundromat at the Princeton Shopping Center.

—Matthew Hersh





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With or Without It, There's Snow at the Library

No matter what the weather, a full day of snow-related activities will take place at the Princeton Public Library when the library's Youth Services Department hosts its annual Snow Day on Thursday, December 28, beginning at 10 a.m.

Kids will be invited to participate in snowflake cutting, snow stories, snow crafts, and snow science on the first and third floors of the library in what has become a popular holiday tradition there.

During craft sessions between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the third floor Activity Room, children will create snowmen and other creatures using marshmallows, felt, cotton and other everyday materials. Registration is requested.

Favorite snow stories will be told at 10 a.m. for infants through age 2. Times for story sessions for children ages 3-5 and all ages will be announced. For updated information, visit www.princetonlibrary.org/children/SnowDay.

Throughout the day, children will be invited to design and cut their own snowflakes or watch snowy films.

Retired chemist Bill Barnard, a Snow Day veteran, will give a demonstration using liquid nitrogen at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The demonstration is designed to help children discover how cold something really can become by showing the effects of liquid nitrogen on soap suds, flowers, and even bananas.

"Bill Barnard's program is always a hit and it has helped make Snow Day one of our most popular programs." said Jan Johnson, manager of the library's Youth Services Department. "We're happy to welcome him back and to offer all of our other Snow Day favorites."

Space is limited for Mr. Barnard's session and registration is required. Call (609) 924-9529, ext. 240 or visit the Youth Services Desk on the third floor of the library.

All Princeton Public Library programs are free and open to the public. The library is in the Sands Library Building at 65 Witherspoon St. in Princeton Borough. Special assistance is available for library customers with disabilities. Those with special needs should contact the library 48 hours before any program to arrange for accommodations. Call (609) 924-9529. For more information on library programs and services, visit www.princetonlibrary.org.



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residents, and concern from others, but was done in a largely public setting, and occupied significant time and effort from both residents, elected officials, and

Hospital administrators, along with their architectural consultants, have begun presenting concepts to the Plainsboro Township Planning Board, with the hopes of opening a \$350 million, state-of-the-art facility, sometime in 2010. The hospital story is likely to be found in this year-end review column for years to come.

University **Graws Inward**

Making good on its promise for a stark departure from long-held developmental strategy that would have spread out campus growth on vacant lands, Princeton University aggressively unveiled new concepts that reflect growth to accommodate pedestrians, rather than cars and shuttles.

In January 2005, during a student address, Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman announced a new concept of "academic neigh-borhoods" that sought to consolidate buildings with related programming, making neighborhoods part of one, comprehensive community, with the center being the Frist Campus Center. This announcement turned out to be the roots of the University's current campus plan, which reverses the school's growth concept and focuses more on available University lands within Princeton Borough and Township.

Blinded by Science

From orogeny to plasma physics, genomics to computational geometry, to psychoacoustics to, well, high art, Quark Park on Palmer Square along Paul Robeson was a visual and intellectual feast, or as Town Topics put it in a July feature "It's as if the Franklin Institute opened a satellite gallery in Princeton, and a whole lot of artists were invited.'

A follow-up, but far more realized version of 2004's Princeton Writers Block, which resulted in architectural interpretations of noted area authors, Quark Park had architects working side-by-side with area scientists, including Jim Sturm, a Princeton University professor of Engineering and Applied Science as well as the director of PRISM (Princeton Institute for the Science and Technology of Materials), University President Shirley Tilghman, herself a professor of molecular biology, and U.S Rep. Rush Holt (D-12), a former physicist at the Princeton Plasa Physics Laboratory, just to name a few. The result? The most "expensive, intellectual playground you've ever seen,' said Kevin Wilkes, a primary organizer and participating architect at the temporary installation. On any given sunny day, throngs of children could be seen playing with the sculptures, climbing across the boulders, and getting lost in the maize mazes and bamboo passageways. Turns out, learning is fun!

Palmer Square Hausing

Quark Park, now closed, has made way for a longanticipated housing development on the northern stretch of Palmer Square. In June,

after more than 15 years of and John Witherspoon Midplanning, Palmer Square, the town center that has essentially been in progress since its completion in the 1930s, received the Regional Planning Board of Princeton's long-awaited approval to build on a vacant expanse along Paul Robeson Place.

The project's developer, Palmer Properties, LLC, will likely break ground for the approved 100 residential units in seven buildings over 4 acres of land sometime in 2007. The complex will contain 80 multi-family units, 19 townhouses, and one flat.

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After five long years of construction and renovation work, the district officially opened its new facilities at Princeton High School (PHS)

dle School (JWMS) in October, saying "Thank you" to the community by way of a day-long, community-wide gala celebration inaugurating the new spaces.

Events showcased the new science labs - complete with rooftop greenhouse for the study of horticulture and the environment — as well as classrooms, athletic facilities, and the Princeton Performing Arts Center with its 770-seat auditorium, stateof-the-art sound system, and orchestra pit.

The auditorium was named Trego-Biancosino Hall in honor of former PHS Choir Director William R. Trego. who retired in 1992, and the late Anthony J. Biancosino, who joined the PHS music department in 1978 and was PHS studio band director.

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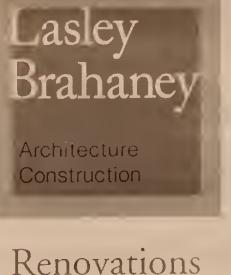


COMMUNIVERSITY IN MAY: The testival atmosphere spllled down Witherspoon Street when the University held its annual celebration of town and gown. Town Topics held a poetry contest on the day to mark its 60th anniversary year.



FEBRUARY BRINGS THE SNOW: The plows plowed it and the shovels shoveled it and Albert Einstein lent a little dignity to the white stutf. (Photo by F.J. Greenblat,





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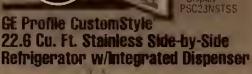
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ADDRESSING MIDDLE EAST PDLICY: U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-New York) made her case for United Nation sanctions against Iran at Princeton University in January, saying that "we cannot, should not, must not permit Iran to build nuclear weapons." Ms. Clinton's Richardson Auditorium address was part of an event celebrating the Woodrow Wilson School's 75th anniversary and marking the creation of a new University professorship: the S. Daniel Abraham Visiting Protessorship in Middle Eastern Policy Studies. (Photo by E.J. Greenblyt)

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The hall is the centerpiece of the new arts center, which also includes choir, orchestra, and band rooms, improved instrument storage, as well as a new drama classroom known as a "black box theater" because of its capacity for supporting a wide variety of small performances. The old auditorium is currently being renovated for use as library space.

At John Witherspoon Middle School, the public toured the new academic wing, the swimming pool area, and the new gym facilities. Visitors to the pool received free coupons for use during Community Swimming times, evenings during the school week when the district encourages residents to use the facility.

PHS Choir

The PHS choir bade farewell to the high school's old auditorium with two concerts in June. The PHS choir and orchestra PHS orches-Requiem in the Princeton concerts. University Chapel, where a second concert reunited almost 200 choir alumni for a performance of the Fauré Requiem, marking over 60 years of choral music at the high school. The performances had special poignancy this year as rehearsal took place for the last time in the high school's old auditorium, marking the end of an era.

Now In his late 80s, Thomas Hilbish, PHS choral director until 1963, traveled to Princeton from his home in Ann Arbor Michigan to direct the Alumni Concert, His successor, William Trego, the choir's longest serving director, also attended the reunion along with the choir's current director Charles Sundquist.

Princeton Education Foundation

The foundation's "Take a Seat" campaign raised money for Princeton's schools by hosting a series of events that included a celebration of Black History Month in February at John Witherspoon Middle School. The late Albert Hinds, Princeton's most celebrated centenarian and then the oldest

alumnus of the Princeton Regional Schools, received his seat in person on the JWMS stage.

During the year, seats were dedicated to such memorable Princetonians as Milton Lyon, McCarter Theatre's first executive producer and director of Princeton's Triangle Club shows, and Harold "Sunny" Perrine, Princeton's
"Candy Man," who once
sold the sweet stuff from his wheelchair in front of the town's two movie theatres — at the time, The Princeton Playhouse and The Arcade. Mr. Perrine's wheelchair accessible seat was bought by Landau's on Nassau Street.

Among others who have had seats named in their honor were Albert Einstein; Patty Soffronoff, past chair and founding member of the Princeton Education Foundation and Bill Johnson. JWMS Principal, former PHS choral director Thomas, PHS alumna and former math teacher and assistant principal, Florence Burke, for her work with the high tra performed the Mozart school operettas and choral

The "Take a Seat" campaign has been the foundation's major initiative and it mobilized all sectors of the community.

Valley Road Building

Having tackled school construction, the Board of Education turned its attention to its Valley Road Building, first seeking ideas from the community in the spring and then working with local architects over the summer to create a first draft of proposals for the future of the building.

Budget and **Property Taxes**

Following the April 18 election, the Board of Education reorganized its membership, welcoming returning board member Joshua Leinsdorf and two new members, Rebecca Cox and Mia Cahill. Architect Michael Mostoller, now in his second term on the board, was elected board president, replacing Ann Burns who stepped down after six years. Board member Alan Hegedus was appointed vice president in place of Mr. Mostoller.

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While voters approved the \$72.44 million budget for the 2006-2007 school year by a vote of 830-631, voter participation in the Borough and in the Township was lower than in recent years.

in December the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) called teachers to a rally in Trenton to protest potential cuts In their benefits and pensions by the Corzine administration. Princeton and other Mercer County teachers joined the throng of public employees from across the state. They chanted "We're not the problem," and waved red foam hands stamped with their message of "Back off!" to the Corzine administration.

in October, state legislators had released a list of 98 recommendations - many of them directed at the public schools — aimed at reducing property taxes in New Jersey. Representatives of the New Jersey Education Association claimed the legislation would adversely affect educators' pensions, medical benefits, and collective-bargaining rights.

While several school districts canceled classes for the day, Princeton Regional Schools remained open, however.

School/Police Relations

Some of the board's vari-

ous committees reviewed the first to return to the city including the much criticized Memorandum of Agreement between the district and Borough and Township police.

Unease with the agreement surfaced when the Board of Education was expected to vote on the agreement in early October, shortly after an incident at the high school in which four teenagers were removed from class by Borough police officers for questioning with respect to a robbery, later described as a blas crime. The four students, aged 14 and 15, were held at Borough headquarters and then charged with complicity to robbery.

Princeton Public Library

The Princeton Public Library became known as Princeton's living room this year, serving as a center for the community through a full tured a visit by one of the program of weekly events for all ages. in March, a series of films by Bryan Singer others packed the library's preceded a special benefit screening at the Garden Theater of Mr. Singer's summer Megan Mylan and Sudanese the film shown at the library

Library Director Leslie Burger was Inaugurated as President of the American Library Association, at the ering in New Orleans. The and support for refugees and librarians' convention was

policy documents this year, as it struggled to recover after last year's Hurricane Katrina, leading the way for others. In September, library personnel described their experiences helping to rebuild the city's libraries.

Programming included offerings as diverse as a Dutch documentary on Tintin; a simultaneous screening of the Wizard of Oz with Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon album; McCarter Theatre's Emily Mann discussing the works of playwright Harold Pinter with actress Blair Brown; and advice on preparing for a pandemic flu threat science writer Gina Kolata.

In September, a fourth chess event brought enthustasts back to the plaza as It had In May, and another documentary in November, Lost Boys of Sudan, fealost boys in person. Students from the high school among Community Room to hear the documentary's director blockbuster Superman Re- exile Joseph Deng respond turns together with a docu- to questions from the audimentary about the making of ence about the struggles of Mr. Deng and other youths who fled to Kenya's Kakuma Refugee Camp from conflict In Southern Sudan.

The film was shown as part of a national campaign to association's annual gath- raise local public awareness

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I GET A KICK OUT OF THE SHDPPING CENTER: Princeton Shopping Center General Manager Chris Hanington (left) and Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand enjoyed a little dance fever on a drizzly day in October as the Shopping Center celebrated its 50th anniversary.



TREGO-BIANCOSINO AUDITORIUM AT PHS: Princeton High School drama and choir students took center stage in October at the Gala Premiere Performance in the new auditorium ot the Princeton Performing Arts Center. The event climaxed a day of opening ceremonies marking the completion of new construction at the high school.



LESLIE BURGER BECOMES ALA PRESIDENT: In June, Princeton Public Library Director Leslie Burger was inaugurated as President of the American Library Association. At the annual ALF Conterence in New Orleans, she helped tormer ALA President Michael Gorman wield the scissors for the opening of an exhibit.



BOOKS FOR KATRINA: Atter donating some books ot his own to the Book Levee on Firestone Plaza in late March, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and Princeton tacuity member C.K. Williams said that the Katrina crisis deserved more attention and funding trom the tederal government. Two of Princeton University's other Pulitzer Prize-winning poots, Yusuf Komunyakaa and Paul Muldoon, were also on hand to support the student-led Katrina Project.

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RARE AIR: Josh Brown of Camp Woodward, a Pennsylvania skateboard camp, briefly defied gravity during a November demonstration at the Skale Jam 2006 at Princeton Township Hall. The event helped raise both \$1,500 and awareness for a planned concrete skale park at Princeton Township's Hilliop Park. The Princeton Parks Alliance, which sponsored the event with the Princeton Recreation Department, is near its fund-raising goal to finance the estimated \$250,000 to \$300,000 facility. The Parks Alliance has so far received a \$125,000 commilment from Princeton Borough and Township, as well as a \$141,000 parks rehabilitation grant from Mercer County.

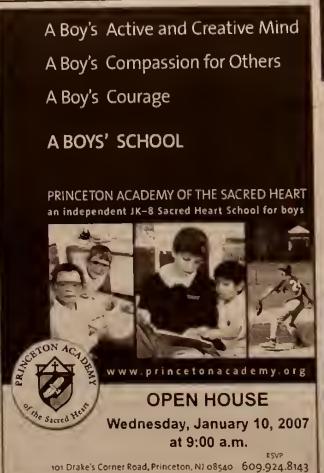
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the continuing humanitarian crisis in Darfur where the sorts of militla attacks that destroyed the "Lost Boys" families and villages continue today. A portion of the 160 seats in the library's Community Room were reserved for Princeton High School students, including members of Raising Awareness Destination: Darfur (RADD), a student group that meets monthly at the library.

In October, the state's mlnlmum wage took effect at

the library, which reviewed Its budget as a result and introduced a "Transforming Princeton" Annual Appeal In November to help to raise funds for its programming schedule.

In November, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. addressed a Princeton audience that filled the 770-seat Trego-Blancosino Auditorium at Princeton High School to hear him deliver the library's second annual Christopher Reeve Lecture. One of the country's most prominent environmental attorneys he is senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council and president of the Waterkeeper Alllance — Mr. Kennedy criticized the Bush administration and spoke of the crucial need for an informed public in a healthy democracy. Observing that the American public knows more about Brad Pitt than it does about global warming, he said: "The environment is not an issue that can be compartmentalized, It Is intertwined with everything, particularly with democracy." After the lecture, Mr. Kennedy signed copies of his 2004 book, Crimes Against Nature. ---

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PRINCETON RESIDENT: One of a pair of bald eagles nesting In the area, this bird was photographed by Tom Ostrand early one January morning as it perched on a tree along Harrison Street. The pair were sighted during last year's Christmas Bird Count by the National Audubon Society. (Photo by Tom Ostrand)



A TIMELESS MESSAGE FOR A MODERN CAUSE: Dr. Marvalene Hughes, president of New Orleans' Dillard University, said Martin Luther King's message and his lifelong struggle for civil rights, are what inspire her as Dillard rebuilds itself after being nearly demolished by Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Hughes addressed school-age children at Richardson Auditorium in January as part ot a celebration honoring Dr. King's birthday.

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Township, pledging to hand over 134 acres that will become part of a tract known as Mapleton Preserve at South Brunswick. In addition to the land, the University committed \$100,000 for the the execution of the preservation plan. The preserve will likely be used as an interpretive outdoor educational, horticultural and historic preservation center and greenway.

Robert Durkee, vice president and secretary of the University, recently told the Regional Planning Board of Princeton that there was an Increasing likelihood that University-owned lands east of the D&R Canal would remain preserved as open space. That assertion was a virtual reversal of established, long-term developmental plans envisioning a so-called mirror campus in West Windsor.

Keeping those lands vacant is part of a general philosophy of how the University intends to surround its campus. As the University continues to increase its presence in the town while enhancing community relations, the most visible outreach thus far in a comprehensive campus plan that was first outlined earlier this year is the area along Alexander Street, mainly in the Township, south of the intersection at University Place. Following a \$101 million gift from alumnus Peter B. Lewis, the auto insurance executive, University President Shirley Tilghman this year outlined an arts neighborhood initiative, which would result in not only new infrastructure augmenting McCarter and Berlind theaters, but also New Jersey Transit's Dinky station, as well as the Wawa and several other service and commercial areas on that relatively non-descript section of Alexander Street, opposite of Springdale golf course.

There, the University has expressed an interest in creating a gateway for both campus and community, as more and more traffic enters the area from Route 1 than Route 27 -the area that Is home to the traditional "front" of campus.

Despite the fact that the University is only about halfway through gathering data and engaging in community dialogue as that area transforms, the school already owns a significant portion of the properties along Alexander Street, particularly in the Township. In fact, the University owns about two-thirds of the property between the former Rusty Scupper and University Place, and while University officials could not comment on future land acquisitions, it is likely that there is an interest in acquiring more.

With potentially significant changes in store for the Dinky, and the proposed road realignment of University Place to meet Alexander Street further to the south, 2007 will be a time of intense dialogue, according to Kristin Appelget, University Director of Community and Regional Affairs, "and hopefully," she said, an increasing partnership between town and gown.

"The gateways to the University and the community are an important part of the planning process that we're currently undertaking - and it's all part of an ongoing conversation."

The somewhat tense relationship between the University and factions of the community stems largely from the school's tax exempt status on its undergraduate housing and buildings employed for academic use. However, the announcement earlier this month that the school had worked with willing, and retiring, owners of Micawber Books to broker a deal where the school would purchase Micawber's building at 112 Nassau went surprisingly smoothly, perhaps indicating an improved community sentiment. As a result of the arrangement. Micawber will close, and the University, through the franchise Labyrinth Books, will move its books retail operations from the U-Store to Nassau Street at the current location of Foot Locker and the Children's Place.

According to University records, the school's policy is to remove a building from the tax rolls "only when 100 percent of the building Is to be used for educational purposes." Additionally, if a building is removed from the tax rolls, the school phases out tax payments over a 10year period.

So while the town and gown blend a bit, it is also likely that the communication lines will continue to be wide open between the two entities. In fact, with the University holding \$806 million of the Borough's \$2.1 billion assessed valuation as tax exempt (\$84 million of University Borough assessed land holdings are not exempt), members of Borough Council offer pertodic grumbling over the school's voluntary contributions, now up to \$1 million. The school has also contributed more than \$11 million in special gifts and spent approximately \$2.5 million on road and other infrastructural improve-

Likewise, of Princeton Township's approximate \$2.9 billion of assessed land value, about \$242 million is University exempt, with \$116 million of assessed University-owned lands on the tax rolls. The University is still the largest taxpayer and employer in Princeton Borough and Township, with the school paying 13.5 percent of the net assessed valuation in the two towns, according to school records. In the Township, the next largest taxpayer is the Princeton Shopping Center, which is levied about a sixth of what the University pays. Jasna Polana, Princeton Professional Park, and Church & Dwight round up the top five taxpayers in the Township.

But in the short term, It's all about Alexander Street, and how Princeton, both University and town, will move with the best foot forward. University officials are careful to be as transparent as a private developer and landowner can be, and, likewise, Borough government, as exhibited in a rezoning effort late last year that allowed for an increased 100,000 square feet of development along the school's Engineering Quadrangle, seems to understand the unquantifiable financial benefit a University can bring to a town.

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Local Business

The Cappuccino Comes to Chestnut Tree that, she taught English for 20 years in Puerto Rico from As Princeton Resident Follows Her Dream fourth grade to the univer-

month Princeton resident, this. has found a niche in commutention of making it work.

"This is my dream, my passion, and of course there's going to be a risk," she said, as she served up a perfect 16-ounce cappuccino at the new coffee bar at Princeton Shopping Center's Chestnut Tree Books. The bar, which opened two weeks ago, is located toward the back of and is intended to bring a new dynamic to the threeyear enterprise.

And, as is often seen with locally owned Princeton retail, this operation supports another local: Small World Coffee supplies the beans here. "I realized Small World's reputation, and it just made a lot of sense," said Chestnut Tree's owner Ira Kaye, who added that vice company, and before

Fresh from receiving of Small World had also supficial certification from the plied training and planning. American Barista & Coffee "They sat down with us and School in Portland, Ore., were very supportive: be-Elizabeth Acevedo, a four- cause I knew nothing about

That was, of course, before nity retail, and has every in- he met Ms. Acevedo, who was referred to him by David Newton, vice president of Palmer Square Management, who knew that she had been looking for a spot to get started. "I had been trying to get a location and while this is not my own store, It helps me administrate, get hands-on experience, and run the whole thing," she the store's promenade level, said, adding that she and her partner and fiancé, Pedro Gomez, are still looking for a more permanent spot. "This is good experience —1 said. get to help Ira out, I'll train someone later on when I do see the customer again and get my own location, and be again.' able to get out there.'

trainer at the Manhattan of- ough, suddenly became infice of Aramark, a food ser-

sity level.

But she and Mr. Gomez had other designs, and the corporate world just wasn't cutting it. "This isn't work," Ms. Acevedo said. "If you enjoy what you're doing, it's never going to be 'work.

While the barista craft should not be downplayed, Ms. Acevedo sald the overall experience in a coffee shop, or anywhere in retail be overlooked.

ence, where we get to edu- Center. cate the customer about the beans, about the drink, so before they walk out, they can more than taste that good quality coffee," she

"And hopefully we'll get to

Sometime around 1993, Ms. Acevedo had been a Princeton, particularly five-year administrator and downtown Princeton Bor-

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for that matter, should never NEW TD THE GAME, BUT UNAFRAID: Elizabeth Acevedo is more than confident as she leaves the corporate world behind for a fresh roast. Ms. Acevedo, along with fiance Pedro Gomez, What we want to do is are looking to open their own coffee shop in town. In the meantime, Ms. Acavedo is getting market the positive experience by managing the new coffee bar at Chestnut Tree Books at the Princeton Shopping

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Those coffee outlets have somehow managed to coexist in quite close proximity for more than a decade now, so Ms. Acevedo is undeterred. "You know what? There's still room for more, and there's still room for people to choose. I'm not competing with anybody because every one of those places will have their faithful customers.'

On a recent trip to Seattle, the so-called capital of coffee, the volume of coffee shops amazed Ms. Acevedo. "On every corner, there was a different coffee shop, and you ask 'how do they do it?' The industry is huge.

So while the model for success exists, Ms. Acevedo, looking to start a new chapter in her life, disclosed another small secret: confidence.

"I've traveled, I've met people, and life is just an experience - it's beautiful. You meet people, you do different things, and I'm not alraid of it.

-Matthew Hersh

Business Roundup

The New Jersey Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) recently announced that KSS Architects has been awarded several honors, including the 2007 Architect of the Year and two design awards. KSS partner Allan Kehrt, FAIA, was named Architect of the Year, while the firm received an Honor Award for its Center for Academic Success at Kean University In Union, and the Merit Award for its Metasequoia Viewing Structure at the University of Pennsylvania's Morris Arboretum in Chestnut Hill, PA.

In retail business openings, The Walking Company, Inc., a retailer of comfort footwear, will open a new store in Palmer Square on Nassau Street by the end of the month, Palmer Square representatives said this week; and Princeton Mattress is currently holding its grand opening at 20 Nassau Street in Princeton Borough.

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Light refreshments will be served. All levels are welcome, and no partner is required.

For more information, call (609) 945-1883 or visit www .centraljerseydance.org.

The Central Jersey Dance Society will host its annual Procrastinators Ball with live music on Saturday, January 6 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation In Princeton. A lesson in salsa, cha-cha and mambo basics will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing to the Latin rhythms of Banda Atomic from 8:30 to 11:30

All levels are welcome and no partner is required.

Admission will be \$11, with students \$8, and will include light refreshments.

For more information, call (609) 945-1883 or visit www. centraljerseydance.org.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton is located at 50 Cherry Hill Road.

NAMI Mercer, an affiliate of the National Alliance on

Mental Illness (NAMi), will present a concert by Richard Kogan, M.D., at its annual fund-raising event, A Night Out With NAMI, on Sunday, January 7 at 3 p.m. in the Music Building of The College of New Jersey. The concert will be titled "Mozart: The Mind and Music of a Genius.

The event will mark the fifth appearance by Dr. Kogan, a New York City psychiatrist and concert planist who has performed with the Boston Pops, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, and other major artists. In addition to Mozart, Dr. Kogan has studied the links between genius and mental Illness of other composers, including Beethoven, Schumann, Tchaikovsky, and Gershwin.

Tickets for the event are \$60 for concert only, \$175 for concert and dinner, and \$200 for the concert with stage seating and dinner. Sponsorship levels start at \$500. For tickets and more information, call (609) 799-8994 or visit www.nami mercer.org.

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Washington Road.

On Saturday, December 9, crews responded to a smoke alarm on Cradle Road Rock looking for more members. that was triggered by a home. If interested, please call a juvenile who was lethargic owner who forgot to open (609) 731-1313 or (609) and confused. According to the chimney flue when start- 540-9343. ing a fire in the fireplace.

The following Tuesday, crews responded to a reported fire in a trash compactor at the University Medical Center at Princeton, but it had been extinguished by

Crews were kept busy week. Thursday, responding to stand by after a one-inch gas main at a Herrontown Road residence was ruptured. The crews waited until Public Service Gas & Electric arrived to cap off the gas main.

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ton Engine Co. No. 1 and Mercer Engine Co. No. 3. The department is always

Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid the time the volunteers ar- & Rescue Squad responded to 35 calls for service last

Early Saturday morning, December 9, the Squad responded to a parking lot for a disoriented 18 yearold. The patient's friends reported that he had consumed 10 to 12 shots of hard alcohol within an hour Later in the day Thursday, and was now experiencing crews were called on for mu-difficulty standing and walktual aid to take the ladder ing. The crew transported tower truck to help West the disorlented patient to Windsor Township firefight- the University Medical Ceners battle a fire in a garage ter at Princeton (UMCP) for monitoring.

Less than 24 hours later, crews were called to res- the Squad was treating ancue a cat from the roof of other 18 year-old male who a Pretty Brook Road house, was found sleeping on the but the call was canceled ground outside a gymnawhen the cat came down on slum. The patient reported he was attempting to walk On Sunday, volunteers home after a night of drink-The all-volunteer Prince- responded to the Lawrence ing when he decided to lay on the ground and go to sleep. The Squad removed the patient from the cold night air and transported him to UMCP for monitor-

On Tuesday December 12, the Squad responded for an elderly man in cardiac arrest. The patient collapsed while walking into his doctor's office for a routine check up. Office staff, officers from the Princeton Township Police Department and the Squad crew performed CPR, applied a defibrillator and ventilated the patient with oxygen. The patient, who

Shadybrook Lane, and ton Hook & Ladder, Prince- was rushed to UMCP, had The patient, who could not regained pulses upon transfer at the hospital.

On Wednesday, December 13, the Squad responded for reports, the patient lost consciousness for ten seconds then began convulsing for an additional ten seconds after being placed in a choke hold by another juvenile.

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remember the events surrounding the incident, was transported to UMCP for evaluation.

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Hamilton. Friday, December 29

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: American Red Cross Blood Drive; St. James Church, 17 Eglantine Avenue, Pennington.

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Thursday, December 28 dians Paul Venier and Steve 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Ameri-Treveilise; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt can Red Cross Blood Drive; Regency. Also Saturday Robert Wood Johnson Center for Health & Wellness, and Sunday at 8 and 10:30 3100 Quakerbridge Road, p.m.

Sunday, December 31

6 p.m.: Solute to Vienno; State Theatre, New Bruns-

6:30 and 9:30 p.m.: Darla Rich Quintet; Hopeweil Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

8 p.m.: Vocalist Deb Lyons with John Bianculii Group; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell.

8 p.m.: Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

Monday, January 1 New Year's Day Tuesday, January 2

1:30 to 7:30 p.m.: American Red Cross Blood Drive: Mercer County Community Donor Center, 707 Alexander Road. Also Wednesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, January 3

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Annual Festival of Trees; Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton Street. Also Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

7 p.m.: Darla Rich Quartet; Fedora Cafe, Lawrencev-

Thursday, January 4

6 p.m.: Township Committee Reorganization Meeting: Township Municipal Com-

Friday, January 5

7:30 p.m.: Monster Truck Winter Nationals; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton. Also Saturday at 2 and 7:30

8 p.m.: Jolson & Company; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell, Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Richardson Anditorium.

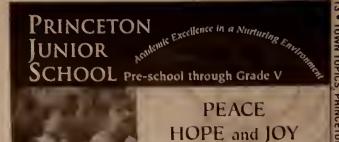
8 p.m.: The Baker's Wife; Keisey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Saturday, January 6

10 a.m.: Open House at Eunice Kennedy Shrlver Sports and Training Center; Special Olympics New Jersey Sports Complex, 3 Princess Road, Lawrenceville.

2 and 4 p.m.: The Gizmo Guys; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community Col-

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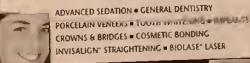
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tary School, holds the ten-inch pony tail that she grew to donate to "Locks of Love," a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering long-term hair loss, usually as a result of a medical condition. Sarah is pictured with Susan King of Salon Cusato in Mercerville. Having grown her hair tor more than a year, Hannah Rose intends to begin all over again. "I want other kids to teel happy. I know my hair will grow back and then I can make more kids happy again and again," she said. For more intormation on Locks for Love, visit www.locksoflove.org.

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M.D. has been inducted into the American College of Surgeons (ACS). Dr. McLaughlin practices neurological surgery with a focus on a third generation physician and ACS fellow, following in the footsteps of his grand-father Dr. Francis J. Pizzi and two uncles, Drs. Walter and Francis J. Pizzi, Jr. who were also ACS fellows. "It is a great honor for me and my family to be inducted as a fellow into the American College of Surgeons," said Dr. McLaughlin. "As a little boy, I used to carry my grandfather's black bag for him when he took me on house calls. I still remember those days and how proud he was to be a physician. I know he was smiling down from Heaven on my induction day.'

"We're very pleased to welcome Sarah aboard," said partner Jeff Perlman. "Her knowledge and experience make her a valuable addition to our team, and an as-Montgomery resident set to our company's efforts Mark R. McLaughfin, to provide responsive service to provide responsive service and personalized insurance programs." Ms. Cammerzell began her marketing career over a decade ago in New York City with the sports spine disorders at Princeton marketing department at Brain and Spine Care. He is Chase Manhattan Bank before returning to Princeton in 1997 to undertake pharmaceutical marketing for a local medical education firm. Most recently, she served as a realtor with Henderson Sotheby's International Realty. A graduate of Princeton High School and Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., where she received her BA in economics, Ms. Cammerzell is active in a number of Princeton Community organizations, including Morven Museum & Garden, Princeton Charter School, and Trinity Counseling Service, of which she is a board member. Ms. Cammerzell and her husband, local real estate attorney Frederick "Fritz"

such as jewelry and artwork. Cammerzell have two sons, aged 4.



Juan Maldacena, professor in the School of Natural Sciences at the Institute for Advanced Study, has been awarded the 2007 Dannie Heineman Prize for Mathematical Physics by the American Institute of Physics and the American Physical Society, for "profound developments in mathematical physics that have illuminated interconnections and launched major research areas in quantum field theory,

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Sarah W. Cammerzell has been appointed to the personal lines department of Borden Perlman Insurance, a third generation-owned and operated property and casualty insurance firm catering to private and commercial clients since 1915. Ms. Cammerzell will oversee sales and marketing for the department, which specializes in coverage for homes and vacation homes, boats and automobiles, excess liability, and valuable articles

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Lentil Pate

adapted by Danute Audenas-Corcoran Whole Earth Staff

Serve this delicious appetizer with small toasts or crackers (at is often mistaken for chopped chicken liver!), its rich flavor is the result of caramelized onions. Make sure you let the onions brown slowly - it might take a while, but it is warth it!

¼ cup dried brown lentils

3 cups water

11/2 tblsp olive oil

I very large organic onion,

peeled, quartered, and sliced (about 2 cups)

5 whole walnuts, shelled & very finely chopped

1 hard-boiled egg

I hard-boiled egg white

1 to 4 tblsp tomato or vegetable juice Salt and pepper to taste

1. Combine lentils and water in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until they are soft, about 35 minutes. Drain lentils.

2. While lentils are cooking, heat oil over low heat in a heavy skillet. Add onions and brown very slowly, stirring occasionally so they don't stick or burn. Continue cooking until the onions are soft, fragrant, and a nice brown. This will take 30 to 60 minutes.

3. Combine lentils, onions, egg, egg white, and walnuts in the bowl of a food processor*. Process until mixture achieves the consistency of smooth chicken liver pate. Add tomato or vegetable juice as needed to moisten. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve. This pate can be made in advance and refrigerated, but bring it to room temperature before serving.

*If you don't have a food processor, chop in a wooden bowl until it is the consistency of a pate.

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string theory and gravity. Prol. Maldacena, who received his Ph.D. from Princeton University and taught at Harvard University before joining the Institute faculty in 2001, shares the award with Joseph G. Polchlnski, a professor of physics at the University of California. Santa Barbara. A past Sloan Foundation Fellow and MacArthur Foundation Fellow, Prof. Maldacena received both the UNESCO Huseln Prize for Young Scientists and the Sackler Prize in Physics in 2000. The lollow-

ing year, he was awarded the

Xanthopoulos Prize In Gen-

eral Relativity; in 2004, the

American Physical Society

presented him with the Ed-

ward A. Bouchet Award.

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Established in 1959, the Heineman prize recognizes outstanding publications In the lield of mathematlcal physics. Past recipients include Princeton residents and Institute faculty members Freeman Dyson in 1965, Nathan Seiberg in 1998, Thomas Spencer in 1991, and Edward Witten in 1998.



Micheile Mullins, a senior lield hockey captain at Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, has been named by Central Jersey Field Hockey Umpire Association as the Henderson Sotheby's International Realty 2007 Captain of the Year award winner. The award recognizes Ms. Mullins lor her outstanding knowledge of the rules of hockey and for being an advocate for her team during games. Ms. Mullins received a video iPod from Cris Maloney, publisher ol Umpire Hockey.com and president of Central Jersey Field Hockey Umpire Association. Henderson Sotheby's International Realty is based in Princeton.



Joseph E. Stampe has been selected as the Vice President of Development for Princeton HealthCare System. Mr. Stampe will be responsible for all fundraising activities across the system. He will oversee an-



HOLIOAY GREETING CARO WINS AWARO AT HUN: Yvette Yun of Belle Mead, an eighth grader at the Hun School has won the school's Second Annual Hollday Card Contest. Ms. Yun submitted the winning artwork in The Hun School's 2006 annual Holiday Card Contest. Her reliet print of a rustic-style celebratory scene was selected in November and Ms. Yun was honored at a recent Middle School assembly. Her print will appear on the cover of Headmaster Or. James M. Byer's holiday card, which is sent to many members of The Hun School community. Ms. Yun received a \$50 gitt certificate and a first place certificate. Her original artwork was tramed. The contest was open to all middle school students at The Hun School, organized by fino arts teacher John Sabol. From left: Hun School headmaster James M. Byer, Yvette Yun, and art teacher John Sabol presenting Ms. Yun with her award,

nual funds, corporate and Rutgers University Foundaloundation giving, special fundralsing events, major glvlng, planned glvlng, donor relations, and all special fundralsing campaigns, with a strong focus on the capital campaign for the hospital relocation project. Most recently, Stampe served as the Vice President for Development at the Foundation of University of Mediclne and Dentistry of New Jersey, where he oversaw for the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, including the annual lund, gift planning, corporate and foundation relations, major gilts and stewardship areas. He was responsible for all leadership gilt lundralsing (\$500,000 and up) and was the top major gift fundraiser for the organization in FY 2006. He has also served in

tion and held the position of Assistant Vice President for Development during his last two years there. Mr. Stampe has also held leadership positions in the fundralsing programs at Fairleigh Dick-Inson University and Drew University. He holds an M.A. In Corporate and Organizational Communication from Fairleigh Dickinson Universlty and a B.A. Irom Drew University. He lives with his all aspects of lundraising wile Jennifer and three children in Allentown.

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Gabriei Montenegro, Nicholas Nehamas, Lauren Ross, and Richard von der Schmidt, all seniors at the Lawrenceville School, have been selected as 2006-07 Edward Bloustein Distinguished Scholars by the Garden State Scholarship Program, administered by the Higher Education Student Assistance (an Independent agency of the State of New Jersey), in recognition of their high level ol academic achievement. The award may be used for continuing education at New Jersey Institutions of higher





f sunny beaches and balmy breezes are in your future this winter, Shirley & Co. in Langhorne, Pa., has just what you need for that cruise to the islands. Located in the Summit Square Shopping Center — an easy ≥ ride from Princeton — the store specializes in bathing suits and resortwear year-

IT'S NEW To Us

"We really have everything for people going on vacation to the islands or oncruises," says Merrill Levin, owner with her husband Paul Levin, of the popular store. "It is not at all unusual for people to buy two or more bathing suits for their trip."

In business for 20 years, Ms. Levin also has another similar store in Elkins Park, Pa. "My mother was 'Shirley'," she explains. "And I came into the business with

balmy breezes are in your seeing people enjoy them is cades, she adds. "Over the future this winter, Shirley my biggest pleasure. I spend a lot of time going to shows in Miami, Las Vegas, and New York for buying. You have to keep up-to-date with the styles.

> Bathing suits are available in sizes four to 22, and resortwear clothing, from extra-small to double extra-

Tops and Bottoms

There is also a wide range of prices, with lines from Anne Cole, Miraclesuit, and Karla Collette, among others, in every size and style.

"Cut-out suits are popular now, and a lot of people like black suits. They can be slimming," says Ms. Levin. Two-piece and bikinis are always popular, and also there is a lot of mixing and matching, with different sizes for tops and bottoms. People are not always the and brown predominate, same above and below."

Cover-ups, including sarongs, are favorites at the store, and many coordinate or match the suit exactly.

Ms. Levin has noticed her. I really like the work. some changes in the busi-

sunny beaches and Getting the products and ness in the past two deyears, there has been a trend to show more skin, but also, generally, women are in better shape today than they were 20 years ago. They eat healthier and exercise."

> There is a certainly a style and size for everyone at Shirley & Co., and in addition to the bikinis and cut-outs, a selection of more modest suits, including suits for therapeutic swimming, and aquatic aerobics, is offered, points out Ms. Levin.

> A big assortment of lightweight, easy-to-pack clothing is available alongside the extensive selection of bathing suits. Dresses, capri pants, shorts, tops, and Tshirts are all on display, with a variety of cotton items from Fresh Produce.

Easy-Wear

Earth tones and black and especially intriguing are dresses with ruffled, gathered hemlines which can be lengthened or shortened with an attached drawstring. Easy-wear tops and skirts make a nice combination, and as Ms. Levin says. "We have everything for the beach, right on to dinner and an evening out."

Sandals, flip-flops, beach bags and hats are popular accessories, and customers represent all ages, from 11 to 90. "We have lots of regular clients of many years," reports Ms. Levin. "We get to know what they like, and I think of them when I am

What we really specialize in here is personal service," she continues. "We make it a pleasant shopping experience for people. Not everyone likes to try on bathing suits. We take time with our customers, and offer honest advice, but we are always kind and gentle."

June and July are the busiest months at Shirley & Co., with January and February a close second, she adds. More and more people are enjoying cruises and trips to Florida or the islands, and they want the right outfit. They can definitely find it at Shirley & Co.

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CASUAL AND CAREFREE: "Animal prints, including leopard styles, are very popular now in bathing suits," says Merrill Levin, co-owner of Shirley & Co., known for its bathing suits and resortwear. Ms. Levin is shown next to a display of leopard print suits and cover-ups by Diva.

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Owners Carole Lini and Kristi Lupescu have 25 years experience between them caring for dogs. Ms. Lini is also owner of Whisker Watchers, a pet-sitting service in Mercer County.

The newest All Good Dogs Day Care opened at 160 Basin Road in Lawrence this past October. The large facility — a cheerful yellow house — can accommodate 60 dogs, and as many as 30 are there on any given day.

All Sizes

All sizes and breeds of dogs from four months and older are eligible, after having passed an extensive evaluation test. "We give them a temperament test and check their background," explains Ms. Lupescu. "They must be able to get along with other dogs. They also need to have all their shots and vaccinations, including distemper, rabies, and bortella (for kennel cough). If necessary, we will give dogs their medication. Some older dogs may have arthritis, and also, some dogs have diabetes."

In addition, grooming, which can include a bath, hair cut, and nail clipping, is available. "We always blowdry the dog, so there is no problem with enclosed heaters," reports the staff.

Typically, owners drop more than one from a fam- their own surroundings.

oes your dog need a ily) in the morning, and if friend? Other than they need to eat during their you, of course! But stay, the owners provide the food. "When they come, the first thing is to go outside outside exercise toys - and we will also toss tennis balls for them, or they can chew on a rope," says Ms. Lupescu. "They bond with the other dogs, especially those that come on the same day. Most often, they will come two or three times a week, although some come five days. Also, they can come on weekends.

"This is a great outlet for dogs that have separation anxiety, when they are left home alone. Owner-dog separation issues," she adds. "Sometimes, dogs might just come for two hours, while their owner is shopping or getting her hair done. Even for a short time, it gives the dog an outlet to get out to play and socialize. Sometimes we put on the radio, and the dogs dance around to the music. We also have beds and blankets for them to take naps. We are with the dogs all the time; it's very hands-on.'

Katrina Animals

All Good Dogs Day Care has a kennel license, and staff members must be experienced, with a strong love of animals, notes Ms. Lupescu. "In the past year, we have been getting Katrina animals that people have adopted," she reports.
"A lot of people who bring dogs here are often individuals who rescue animais.

"An on-call veterinarian is always available, and when dogs stay overnight, there is always a staff member with them. On Thanksgiving or Christmas, we might have 50 or 60 dogs overnight, and then we have two or three people here with them. The large boarding area with beds can also double as a play area for the dogs. And we leave the radio and TV off their dog or dogs (often on for them, so it resembles

When dogs board for a weekend or week (most typical lengths of stay), the staff will email owners with an up-date, she adds.

The facility is kept scrupulously clean, and areas are bleached and cleaned three times a day to avoid any possible contamination. Indeed, no dog could ask for a cleaner environment.

Quality Pragram

The happiness and wellbeing of the dogs and satisfaction of owners is paramount to the staff, points out Ms. Lupescu. "We see how happy people are after their dog has been here. And they can see how happy the dogs are when they drop them off. We look forward to maintaining our quality

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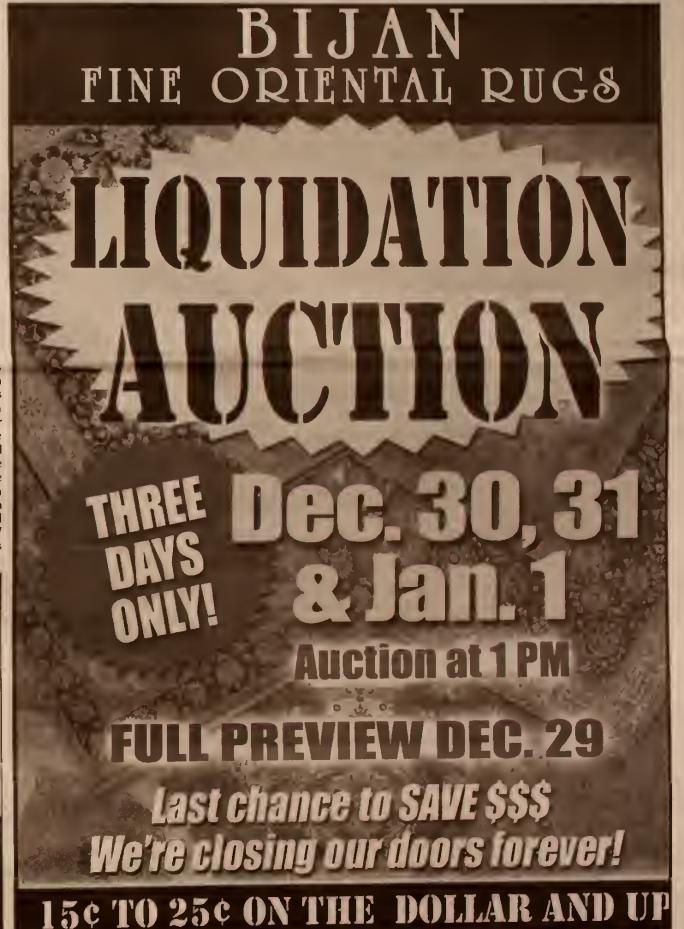
'We at All Good Dogs Day Care know how much people love their pets, and we are passionate about what we do," emphasize Ms. Lini and Ms. Lupescu. "We provide peace of mind for pet owners, and everyone who works here loves animals. The dogs are always so glad to see us when they arrive it's really like a family

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—Jean Strattan



BEST FRIENDS: "The dogs and their personalities and their w families are what we enjoy most," say Erin Karre-Doan, assistant manager (lett), and Kristi Lupescu, co-owner of Ali Good Dogs Day Care in Lawrence. Erin holds Dozer, an 11-year-old Pomeranian rescued dog, and Kristi has Kililan, a one and a half-year old Pomeranian.



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MAILBOX

Loyal Micawber Books Customer Rues Departure of "A True Princeton Gem"

To the Editor:

As a faithful customer, I would like to add mine to the chorus of voices mourning the loss of Micawber Books. Truly, Micawber represents the best in local business. Mr. Fox, Bobbie, Mark, and the other dedicated employees share their customers' love for books, know their customers' tastes and needs, and truly understand the meaning of service.

I can only hope that, as Mr. Fox has promised, the new owners will maintain the quality and selection and staff of this true original. However, it's difficult to imagine another store as special as this one.

I wish Mr. Fox luck, and thank him and his wonderful employees for making Micawber a true Princeton gem.

ELIZABETH C. HAMBLET **Rutgers University**

Senior Resource Center Acknowledges Volunteer Contributions to Its Events

The Princeton Senior Resource Center would like to thank the dozens of volunteers and community partners who helped with two major events this month, the flu shot clinics and the holiday party. As a non-profit organization, the Senior Resource Center relies on volunteers to support our mission to support aging in place with dignity by providing a wide variety of programs and services to area older adults, their families, and caregivers

The flu shot clinic is a collaborative undertaking between PSRC and the Princeton Regional Health Department to inoculate seniors and the chronically ill. Health screenings and information were also made available from the Princeton HealthCare System. More than 40 volunteers the more than 600 people who attended.

The PSRC holiday party is a perennial favorite, bringing together seniors from throughout this diverse community to share a full holiday meal, entertainment, and socializing in the holiday spirit. We thank Acorn Glen and McCaffrey's for providing the food, Buckingham Place and TRADE for transportation, Sandy Maxwell, Dave Saltzman, and Mauri Tyler for the music, Stony Brook Garden Club for the decorations, and the 31 volunteers who helped set up, serve, and clean up. Thanks also to the Borough Public Works Department for their help on both events, and Wachovia for supporting the event.

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QUESTION: Christmas makes me feel like such a loser. All anyone ever thinks about is how many presents they're getting and how much they cost. I'm just an ordinary guy who doesn't have much to give his wife and kids. I come out of this season of greed just thinking that I just don't measure up. Can you help me?

ANSWER: Like millions of others, you have fallen into the material-The Rev. Peter K. Stimpson istic trap of thinking that your val-

ue as a person is based upon how you make and spend. While all of us will do our best to buy gifts for our family, try to think of some meaningful and priceless presents that you can give to your wife and children that will not fade, rust, or end up in the back of the closet. Consider giving YOU as a gift, offering your family your:

- 1. TIME: There is only so much of you to go around. Rethink who you donate you to, perhaps cutting back here or there so as to be able to take your wife out for a walk and a talk, to show up at your daughter's school play, or just stay at home, rent a video, and enjoy each other's company.
- 2. EMPATHY: Instead of getting defensive when your wife or child tells you of their angry or hurt feelings, work hard to listen intently to how they are feeling, summarizing what they said and felt to make sure that you got it right. Whether it be your wife arguing for a new kitchen table or your teenage son for a later curfew, put yourself in their shoes before trying to give your knee-jerk reaction. Whether you end up buying the table or bending on the curfew, your wife and son will know that you care enough to listen.
- 3. PATIENCE: Waiting without blowing your top while your preschool daughter ties her shoes before you take her to daycare helps her to develop autonomy and you to develop tolerance for life's ups and downs. Your lower blood pressure will mean less arguments at home, less stress on the job, and more happiness for you.
- 4. SMILE: Instead of being grumpy, cynical, and an old grouch, try forcing yourself to smile a little bit each day. Amazingly, you will find that it is somewhat contagious, your wife and children exchanging their sad frowns for a happy face, and you yourself reframing what you thought was "a disastrous problem" into "a challenging opportunity". Gradually, you will be turning your family into optimists and problem solvers, for which all of us will thank you.

So, my advice is that you stop worrying about what you cannot buy, and start thinking about how you impact on your family, more so than teacher, peer, movie, or book. You have the ability to give them the priceless gift of yourself, which you will not find at Macy's or Toys R' Us, or even at the North Pole, just under your own nose.

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Since we were going north of 23rd Street on a Grid-Lock Alert Friday, and since the train involved some problems about timing and parking, we took the bus into Manhattan and got in at 3:20. Plenty of time, you'd think, for our visit to the Met. Going up Eighth Avenue in the cab, we were craning our necks to see the tower built on top of the elegant old Hearst Building by Lord Norman Foster, "the Mozart of modernism," according to Paul Goldberger. From what I could see, the zig-zag design had more in common with the playful spirit of Thelonious Monk. Heading up Central Park West, we passed 63rd Street, where Monk once lived and made records, and then the Dakota (thinking of John Lennon), and then the El Dorado Towers, where Stephen Sondheim grew up.

Dazzled by Tiffany

We'd come mainly for the Tiffany, which was amazing. Even if I'd had something to write on, I wouldn't have wanted to make notes. The intensity of the colors in the stained glass and enamel mosaics all but eclipsed the scenes and objects they were meant to represent; images clearly modeled on scenes in nature seemed to run free in an abstract swarm. Some women were pointing at everything and going "Gorgeous!" "Gorgeous!" They were right. I came out of it dazed and dazzled. My wife was in the gift shop; she said she'd come find me in the Cézanne to Picasso show. She never found me. I was lost as soon I stepped outside and saw the Van Gogh in the gallery across the hall.

It's not fair to blame Tiffany for the strange turn the afternoon took at this point. I might as well blame the city - a cab ride through New York on an Indian Summer day can make you high. But it was Van Gogh who lured me out of the world of time, place, other exhibits, and dinner engagements.

The first time an art exhibit ever wrenched me out of everyday reality was at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam when I was 19. The other works of art I'd seen at that point in my life had stayed on the canvas; they hadn't moved around

if he were painting as I watched, or as if one pushing someone in a wheelchair was of a Van Gogh sell-portrait but he wasn't he'd just been there; you could smell the smoke from his pipe. Impossible to believe he'd done it all with a mere brush. He must ing, raging cypresses, but what held me have been squeezing the paint between his fingers and then slapping it on in layers.

The painting that led me astray at the Met was Cypresses, from 1889. Whatever the Tiffany colors had done to my eyes, it was nothing next to Van Gogh's painted outburst. The painting I was gaping at was as far from "gorgeous" as a scream or a storm, though I didn't learn until I read the note that it had been painted soon after Van Gogh began his year-long confinement at the asylum in Saint-Remy, and that he'd seen it as "a splash of black in a sunny landscape." Whatever it was he'd gone after, he'd found it.

I was locked in, staring, transfixed, lor-

trying to get around me. The first shock had come with the central image, the ravwas the blue and white of the sky. The blue Van Gogh had found for his sky was not of this world. Or if it was, it was the primal shade of blue you can see when you're four or live and may never see so well again. When I started following, or trying to follow, the thickly clustered llow of the white clouds, I had another Amsterdam moment: the paint seemed to be alive. The sheer density of whiteness also began to remind me of the way Blake painted clouds into the bodies of angels.

The spell was finally broken when I had to make way for that wheelchair and almost bumped into a father with his baby riding in a sling around his neck, facing

seeing it; the baby was; the baby was fascinated, eye to eye with the artist, really seeing it, and the father had no idea that his Infant child was communing with Van Gogh. As I was observing this little gallery scene, I realized that a pretty, fair-haired, rosy-cheeked museum guide with the face of a Renoir bather was smiling at me the way I'd been smiling at the baby. She'd obviously been amusing herself watching me in my cypress trance.

In another room, much later, I finally thought to look at my watch. It was already 5:30! Where was my wife? She was supposed to be looking for me. I walked back through the galleries frantically and futilely searching for her as it slowly dawned on me that this could not be the exhibit we'd planned to meet in. True, it had Cézanne, and Picasso, but it didn't have that carefully organized, pulished, curatorial lustre, not with the bare spaces on the walls where this or that painting had been removed; not with the information placards propped casually to one side instead of being posted. And where were all the people with their headsets murmuring commentary? Yes, folks, I'd wandered off the trail, lost without knowing it, at sea in the permanent collection. By the time I got to the real exhibit, it was almost six. My wife had gone off to our dinner engagement without me.

Before Heft, I noticed a group of people gazing at one painting. A night scene. A magical scene. A Van Gogh I'd never seen before. So much for thinking his work could never be gorgeous. That's not the word I'd have chosen, but it at least began to come close.

anle had set in by then. I couldn't find the phone number of our dinner hosts. I knew roughly where they lived but not their street number or apartment number. It took me ten minutes to find my way downstairs, where I went astray trying to find a phone booth, hoping to call information. Looking for the main entrance, I took a wrong turn and ended up in front of a glant Christmas tree behind which live Christmas music was playing, taking me back to my first moment ever in New York, a Christmas visit, age ten, gazing in awe in the great rotunda of Grand Central Station while a woman sang Christinas carols from the balcony. I finally found my way out, caught a taxi to Columbus Circle, and was only 40 minutes late. My wife was disposed to forgive me when f told her what had happened, and I was thinking, "At least now I've got something to write about for next week.

-Stuart Mitchner



"CYPRESSES": The Van Gogh that led me astray, presumably the same "Le Cyprès" shown In the 1890 Salon des Indépendants in Paris, having been painted in late June 1889, shortly after the artist began his year-long confinement at the asylum In Salnt-Rémy (May 1889 to May 1890).

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Bucks County Artist

The Gallery at Chapin The public is invited to a reception on Wednesday, Jan-

were taken over the years.

Mr. Richey has won awards at both the regional and national level. He is one of 50 artists featured in the book, Artists of the River Towns,

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will present "Small Vistas, Large Visions," an exhibit of the textured pastel paintings of Bucks County artist Bob Richey, from January 3 through February 2, 2007. uary 10, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Mr. Richey spent 25 years working in the design and analysis of Navy aircraft structures at the Naval Air Development Center in Warminster, Pa. before launching a second career in the arts. "It wasn't really such a sudden transition to becoming a full-time artist," he sald. "Many small steps In 1990 he became friendly with an artist specializing in pastels. "I liked pastels right away," he said. "I enjoyed the drawing aspects and the immediacy of pastels. You can pick up a stick of color and apply it immediately."

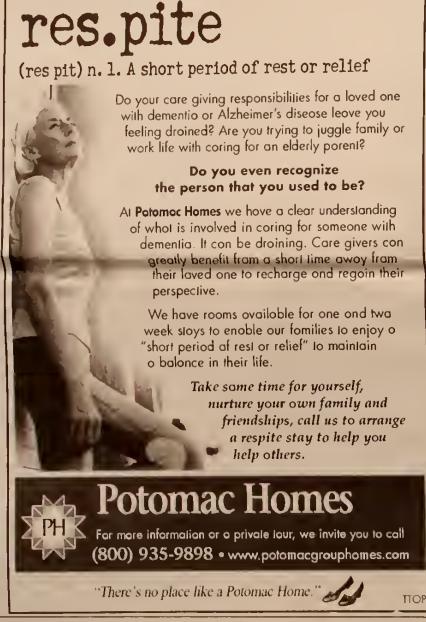
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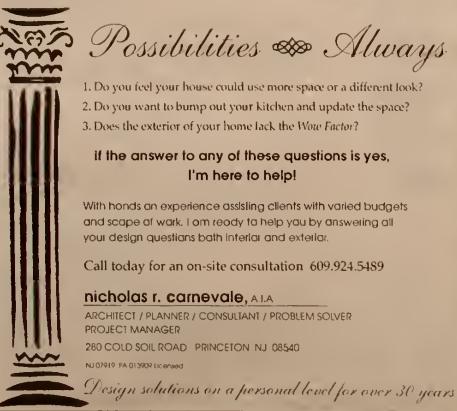
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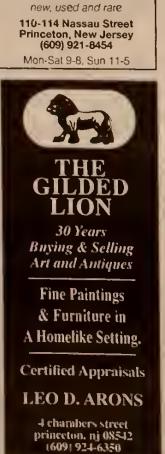
TIME-TESTED: Leo Arons, owner of The Glided Lion, is shown beside a Philadelphia chest of cherry wood, dating to 1775-1776, in excellent condition. Above is an early 19th century range. In addition, The Gilded Lion has recently acquired a collection of very colorful early 19th century "Gaudy Welsh" ceramics, and also on display is a collection of Flow Blue,



painting on cotton from Rajasthan, India, depicting Krishna dancing with the "Cowgiris". Mr. Arons has a fine selection of silver, including tea and coffee services, flatware services, and Individual pieces of antique silver, covering a wide price featuring the "Scinde" pattern, circa 1B25. Antique jewelry is a popular holiday gift, and choices include an art deco diamond pin, diamond and emerald earrings (1920), and also assorted men's pocket watches, including a 1900 railroad watch, noted for Its precise time-keeping, with a Masonic case. The store has a selection of American quilts, and a special Navajo sampler (1890), as well as a series of late 18th century English horse prints, more recent bird prints, and an early (1860) print of Nassau Hall.









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The Bernstein Gatlery at the Woodrow Wilson School is presenting "Unacceptable Losses," a photo-documentary by Arthur Robinson Williams examining current U.S. drug policies and the individuals most affected by them, from now through January 19, 2007.

The Coryett Galtery at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street, in Lambertville, is currently presenting "Two Points of View," a special exhibit featuring oil painters Lisa Mahan and Colette Sexton, which will run through January 14, 2007

The Galtery at Plains. boro Public Library will be presenting "Hucksters, Beggars and Rebels," the recent work of Lionel Goodman, throughout the month of December.

Grounds for Sculpture will be hosting three exhibitions of contemporary sculpture through April 29, 2007. Manuel Neri's exhibition "Figure in Relief" will be on view in the Museum Building. Steven Siegel's "Wonderful Life" and the International Sculpture Center's 2006 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards will be exhibited in the Domestic Arts Building.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is presenting "Poetry in Design: The Art of Harry Leith-Ross," through March 4, 2007. "Duane Hanson: Real Life," will be on view through January 14. "Constructions: Photographs by Michael Becotte" will run through March 18, and an outdoor sculpture installation by Christoph Spath will be on view through February 25. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in through January 8. Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800. "Form Radiating Life: The Paintings of Charles Rosen" will be on view in the Carol & Louis Della Penna Gattery at the Michener Mu-Drive in New Hope through New Jersey. January 28.



CHAIRING "THE AMERICAN SPIRIT": The Friends of the Princeton University Art Museum will celebrate "The American Spirit" at their annual benefit to be held Saturday, February 10, 2007. Two area women have been selected as co-chairs ot the event. They are (trom lett) Bea Madden and Alice St. Clair-Long, both of Princeton. Assisting them as committee chairs are Chris Schade ot Princeton, corporate sponsorship; Holly Holcombe and Helena Kardassis ol Princeton, decorating; Avril Moore, tood; and Bobble Michael, historian; and Kary Clancy and Cass Macdonald of Princeton, hostesses. Also, Trudy Borenstein-Suglura and Mary Heliner ot Princeton, invitations; Nina Golder or Princeton and Carol Hanson ot Skillman, malilng; Ann Mulhauser and Nancy Woelk of Princeton, music; frene Schragger of Lawrenceville, publicity; Milly King ot Princeton, seating; and Harriet Vawter ot Princeton, secretary.

museum's Voorhees Special **Exhibition Galleries through** February 18, 2007. Other exhibits are "Word and Image: Visual Experiments of Soviet Nonconformist Artists, 1960s-80s" in the DuBrow Gallery through March 25, 2007, and in the Russian Special Exhibition Gallery: "Word and image: Visual Experiments of Russian Artists, 1910s-30s. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The Jewish Center at 435 Nassau Street is presenting "The Nature of Existence: Photographs by Maria Reim and Gil Gordon," through January 7

Johnson & Johnson's World Headquarters Gatlery in New Brunswick is currently presenting "Visions of Landscape" featuring the work of Liron Sussman. Part of the company's ongoing New Jersey Artists series, the exhibition will continue

The Montgomery Center for the Arts will be hosting an invitational art exhibition, 'Science as Muse: Eight Artistic Riffs on Science and Technology," through February 4, 2007 at its gallery at seum at 500 Union Square the 1860 House in Skillman,

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March 30.

The Nassau Club at 6 Mercer Street is presenting a solo exhibition by Gordon Haas titled "Our Local Area" through January 7

Princeton Day Schoot is hosting an outdoor exhibit featuring metal, wood, stone and concrete sculptures on the PDS campus through June 2007

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting "Pietro da Cortona's Saint Martina Refuses to Adore the Idols: A Painting In Context" & "Front & Center: Figure Drawings by Pietro da Cortona and His Contemporaries," through January 21, 2007. "Fin de Siecle" traces the evolution of Modernism from the 1880s to the 1940s and will be on view through January 14 in two side-by-side exhibitions featuring more than 50 works on paper from the collections of the museum daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.in. and the Department of Rare

which will be on view in the will remain on view through Books and Special Collections, Firestone Library. 'Japanese Views of East and West: Imprinting the Other in Meiji Eyes," an exhibition of color woodblock prints focusing on the country's perceptions of other cultures from the 1860s to the beginning of the twentieth century, will be on view through January 7.

Red Green Blue at 4 Hulfish Street will be showing artwork by students from the Hun School this month in its new children's art gallery.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park presenting an exhibit of work by Carmen Johnson and Susanne Pitak-Davis through January

The University Medical Center at Princeton is hosting a pastel art exhibit by Grace Previty Johnston through January 17, 2007. The exhibit may be viewed

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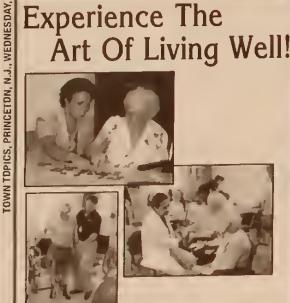


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MUSIC REVIEW

To Begin This Year's Christmas Week, Canadian Brass Delights Richardson Audience

ith true holiday spirit, the five-Richardson Auditorium last Monday night. thirds in the third movement "Allegro." Part of the McCarter Theatre Music Series, All instruments had no trouble finding di-Monday night's concert entertained the audience to the fullest extent and set a festive mood for Christmas week.

The Canadian Brass has been performing for more than thirty-five years, and no doubt has had a number of ensemble member replacements over the decades. One element that has not changed is the quintet's affinity for Baroque music, especially that of Bach. Following a very un-Baroque-like processional of "A Closer Walk with Thee" in a New Orleans slow jazz style, the quintet, resplendent in all black with white Adidas athletic shoes, turned its attention to music of the late 17th and early 18th centuries.

Much like their vocal counterpart, the King's Singers, The Canadian Brass includes on its programs arrangements by players who have gone before. One current arranger for the ensemble is second trumpeter Josef Burgstaller, who transcribed Bach's previously arranged Concerto in D Major from Vivaldi. Originally composed for strings, this concerto gave the Brass an opportunity to explore a variety of Baroque effects, especially from trumpeters Burgstaller and Jeroen Berwaerts (on loan from the Hamburg Radio Orchestra). Both of these players had several instruments at their side during the concert — piccolo, E flat, and B flat trumpets. For this concerto, Mr. Berwaerts played the brighter of the two piccolo trumpets, and both players seemed to have endless air for the long coloratura lines.

A concerto such as this cannot succeed without the support of what would have been the ripieno orchestra in the Vivaldi version of the concerto; and hornist Bernhard Scully, trombonist Eugene Watts, and tubist Charles Daellenbach maintained well the continuity of the strings. A solid tuba solo by Mr. Daellenbach marked the second movement "Larghetto," giving the work a different character than strings would have.

Trumpets often get all the attention in a member Canadian Brass brought brass quintet, but the trombone and horn its own brand of Christmas to were able to provide very nice parallel rection in the phrases despite the virtuosity required by the music.

Christopher Dedrick's arrangement of music from Bach's Notebook for Anno Mogdoleno Boch intricately wove themes through all the instruments, at times sounding more like a brass fanfare than a work for piano. The two trumpeters brought a different character to the upper registers by each playing on a different type of trumpet, one on an E flat trumpet and one on a B flat instrument.

Following this essential tribute to Bach, much of the rest of the Canadian Brass program was focused on music for the holidays, with a variety of arrangements. Mr. Burgstaller brought a klezmer effect to "Jingle Bells," while the preciseness of the ensemble gave the effect of what "Jingle Bells" might sound like in the antiphonal space of St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice. Mr. Daellenbach proved his skill not only on the tuba but in the flexibility of his knees as he "melted away" in "Frosty the Snowman." These players clearly have fun with what they are doing.

Christopher Dedrick's arrangements returned in a Glenn Miller Songbook, featuring a number of well-known big band tunes interspersed with Christmas music. "In the Mood" worked particularly well for all-brass, with the trumpets handling much of what would have been wind music in a swing band. The ensemble achieved good simultaneous decrescendos and imitated well the ending effects of the Glenn Miller

s the King's Singers have made the Overture to the Borber of Seville Atheir own, Canadian Brass has stamped its mark on Bizet's Cormen, with an entertaining musical skit telling the "true story." To begin the last week before Christmas, it was very nice to see musicians having fun while presenting high

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Conductor John Peter Holly will be joined by pla- to \$65, are available at the nist Steven Ryan and tenor War Memorial box office or Aaron Blankfield for a lively by calling Tickets.com at program of symphonic and popular favorites that will also Include George Enesco's Romanion Rhapsody No. 1. Georges Blzet's Cor- cated at the Intersection of men Suite No.1, Johann West Lafayette and Barrack Strauss' Radetzky Morch, Streets In Trenton, adjacent and arias from Donizetti's to the state capital complex. L'Elisir d'omore and von Free parking is available in Flotow's Martho. A special lots next to the War Memofeature in the program will rial. be a segment of music from classic films including "Sing- about the Greater Trenton ing in the Rain" from the MGM musical, "Moon River" from Breokfast at Tiffony's, www.trentonsymphony.org. and "March of the Slamese Children" from The King ond I.

Planist Steven Ryan of New Hope, Pa will perform as soloist in Rhopsody in Blue. One of the GTSO's resident artists, he has previously appeared as a sololst and chamber music performer gram highlight when The with the orchestra in Tchalkovsky's Plano Concerto No.1, Bach's Brondenburg Concerto No.5, Beethoven's Quintet in E flat for Plano December 31 at Patriots and Winds, and the original chamber version of Copland's Appalochian Spring.

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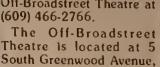
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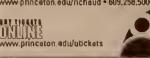
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The cast will include Leah Allers, Casey Elliott, Marja Harmon, Dane Harrington Joseph, DJ Rudd, Michael Johnson, Ebony Blake, and Edward C. Smith

A winner of four 2000 Tony Awards, Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida chronicles the love triangle between Aida, a Nublan princess stolen from her country, Amneris, an Egyptian princess, and Radames, the soldier they both love. An epic tale of love, loyalty, and betrayal, the show is the first collaboration by Mr. John and Mr. Rice since writing the music for the worldwide phenom"Alda is filled with glorious

enon The Lion King.

pop anthems" raved the Detroit Free Press, while USA Today praised the musical's "crowd-pleasing score."

The show has produced a number of hit songs includ-Ing Written in the Stars, recorded by Elton John and LeAnn Rimes, which reached No. 2 on Billboard's charts in 1999; Easy as Life, recorded by Tina Turner; and Elaborate Lives, My Strongest Suit, and The Gods Love Nubia. The original Broadway cast album is available from Disney Records.

The original production had its world premiere as Elaborate Lives: The Legend of Aida at the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta, Georgia In September 1998. The Broadway production, titled Elton John & Tim Rice's Aida, opened at the Palace Theatre on March 23, 2000 and ran a total of 1,852 performances, making It one of the longest running shows In Broadway history.

Tickets range from \$40 to \$65, with group, college student, and senior discounts available. To order, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469, or visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org.

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Russian American Circus Planning Shows at Kelsey

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located on MCCC's West Carlin to Its 2006-07 sea-Windsor campus at 1200 son for two performances, Old Trenton Road.

New Brunswick's State Theatre has announced the The Kelsey Theatre is addition of comedian George on Saturday, March 24 at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. The performances will contain adult language and themes that may not be suitable for all

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To date, George Carlin's 12 HBO specials have garnered three Emmy nominations and won six CableACE awards. Eight of his HBO shows have been released in two separate DVD pack-

In 1997, Mr. Carlin ventured into a new field with his first book, Braindroppings, a collection of original routines, one-liners, commentaries, and essays. In hard cover and paperback, the book spent a total of 40 weeks on The New York Times Best-Seller list and has sold 850,000 copies. The book-on-tape version, read by Carlin him-self, won the 2001 Grammy in the Best Spoken Comedy category, the latest of his three Grammy awards.

Tickets range from \$35 to \$60, and no discounts will be offered. To order, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469 or visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org.

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REVIEW CINEMA

Hudson Steals the Show in Adaptation of Tony Winning Musical

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whelmed by screen adaptations of Broadway musicals. The primary problem has been that even as films, they still tend to look like stage productions, because they fail to take advantage of the spatial, temporal, visual, aural, and technical enhancements made available by the cinematic medium.

Dreamgirls actually feels like you're watching a movie, not a taped version of what appeared in the theater. Oscar-winner Bill Condon (for the script of Gods and Monsters) not only directs but also wrote the screenplay, that is based on the Tony award winning play which opened to critical acclaim 25 years ago.

Condon assembled an impressive cast for the project, starting with PRESENTING THE DREAM GIRLS!: Michelle, (Sharon Leal, left), Deena Academy Award-winner (Beyoncé Knowles, center) and Lorrell (Anika Noni Rose) strut their Jamie Foxx, Grammy stuff on stage. Award-winners Beyonce Knowles and Eddie Mur-

phy, NAACP Image Award-winners Danny Glover and Jaleei "Urkel" White, Tony Award winners Hinton Battle and Anika Noni Rose, and Emmy-winner John Lithgow.

Ironically, all of the above were overshadowed by the debut of a relative unknown, American Idol contestant Jennifer Hudson, who came in seventh during the reality TV series' third season. You might remember her, because her elimination from the contest had prompted guest Judge Sir Elton John to speculate that racism had played a part in the results of the voting.

Hudson even manages to upstage Beyonceé in Dreamgirls, bringing down the house as Effle Melody White, as she recreates the Tony winning role originated on Broadway by Jennifer Holliday. Ms. Hudson received a standing ovation during the screening I attended in response to her rendition of, "And I Am Telling You."

Inspired by the real file stony of The Septemes, this "Up from Nothing" saga, set in the sixties, revolves around the trials and tribulations of the members of an all-girl

enerally speaking, this critic has been under-singing group. Beyoncé plays Deena Jones (aka Diana Ross), while Ms. Rose plays Lorrell Robinson (aka Mary Wilson), and Sharon Leal plays Effic's eventual replacement Michelle Morris (aka Cindy Birdsong).

Dreamgirls

The story line reads as follows: The Dreamettes, a promising trio trying to sing their way out of the slums of Detroit, are discovered by Curtis Taylor, Jr. (Foxx), Therefore, it's a pleasant surprise to discover that a Cadillac dealer/fledgling manager who signs them as

a back-up group for head-liner James "Thunder" Early (Murphy). After touring on the Chitlin' Circuit, the girls eventually go on their own, seeking to generate crossover audience appeal as The Dreams, but not before Effie is pushed first out of the spotlight, then out of the group entirely, in favor of the more appealing Deena.

The Dreams go on to fame and fortune without Effie, though she ultimately takes a measure of revenge by launching a successful solo career. What some might not know is

that Effie died in the first version of the play, because the character had been patterned after the ill-fated Flo Ballard. That Supreme, fired in 1967, spiraled down into depression and alcoholism before passing away prematurely while on welfare at the age of 32.

ortunately, the show's producers abided by Jennifer Holliday's request to put a positive spin on Effie's exit from the mythical Dreams. As a consequence, Dreamworks has a surefire hit on its hands, and Jennifer Hudson is the early favorite for an Academy Award, Expect additional Oscar buzz to swirl around others in the cast and crew, especially Eddie Murphy who enjoys his best performance since Shrek as a flamboyant composite James Brown and Marvin Gaye.

But make no mistake, this is Jennifer Hudson's coming out party!

Excellent (* * * *). Rated PC 13 for sex, expletives, and drug use. Running time: 125 minutes. Studio: Dreamworks Pictures. -Kam Williams



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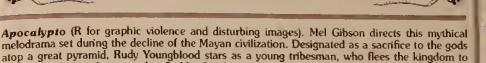
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return to exact retribution and to find his family.

Blood Diamond (R for profanity and graphic violence). Historical drama, set in Sierra Leone in the nineties during a civil war, follows the efforts of a fisherman (Djimon Hounsou) and a mercenary (Leonardo DiCaprio) who join forces to recover a priceless diamond and to smuggle it out of the country with the help of an American journalist (Jennifer Connelly).

Casino Royale (PG-13 for sexuality, nudity, torture, and violence). Daniel Craig is introduced as the new James Bond for the 21st Installment of the 007 franchise. This remake, originally released in 1967 as a spoof starring Woody Allen, is based on the debut novel in lan Fleming's famed series. Bond is on a mission to Madagascar to track down a terrorist (Sebastien Foucan) planning to fund a diabolical plot with casino prize money. Cast includes Dame Judi Dench, Jeffrey Wright, Giancarlo Glannini, Caterina Murino, and Eva Green.

Charlotte's Web (G). Dakota Fanning stars in this remake of this children's classic about a little girl who enlists the assistance of a clever spider (Julia Roberts) to save her pet pig (Dominic Scott Kay) from the smokehouse. Voice cast includes Steve Buscemi, John Cleese, Oprah Winfrey, Reba McEntire, Cedric the Entertainer, Andre Benjamin, Robert Redford, and Kathy Bates.

Children of Men (R for profanity, nudity, drug use, and graphic violence). Futuristic adventure, set in 2027 where humans are facting extinction due to an inability to procreate, stars Clive Owen as an activist who saves the day by transporting the first pregnant female (Claire-Hope Ashltey) on the planet in 18 years to a sanctuary where her baby might be safely delivered. With, Michael Caine, Julianne Moore, and Chiwetel Ejifor.

Copying Beethoven (PG-13 for sexuality). Ed Harris handles the title role in the fictionalized account of the last year of Beethoven's life, focusing on the composer's passionate relationship with the conservatory student (Diane Kruger) who becomes his caretaker and helps complete the Ninth Symphony.

Dreamgirls (PG-13 for sex, expletives, and drug use). American Idol Jennifer Hudson brings down the house in this adaptation of the Tony Award winning musical which opened on Broadway 25 years ago about the trials and tribulations of a sixties R&B trio similar to The Supremes. Cast also includes Beyoncé, Anika Noni Rose, Jamle Foxx, Eddie Murphy, Danny Glover, John Lithgow, Bobby Slayton, Jaleel "Urkel" White, and Loretta Devine, who starred in the original stage

Eragon (PG for frightening images, intense battle sequences, and violence). Dungeons and Dragons-style film about a dragon-riding orphan (Edward Speelers) who enlists the assistance of an elderly talespinner (Jeremy Irons) to avenge the murder of his uncle on the orders of a monomania-cal monarch (John Malkovich). With Djimon Hounsou, Sieena Guillory, and Rachel Welsz.

The Good Shepherd (R for sex, expletives, and violence). Robert De Niro directs and co-stars in this espionage drama about a Skull and Bones fraternity member (Matt Damon), recruited into the CIA right out of Yale, whose innocence and idealism are gradually eroded by the realization that his commitment to fighting the Cold War comes at a cost that takes an increasing toll on his family. Cast includes Angelina Jolle, Joe Pesci, Alec Baldwin, Timothy Hutton, and William Hurt.

Happy Feet (PG for peril and crude humor). Animated, Antarctic adventure about a tone deaf penguin (Elijah Wood) who finds himself a mate (Brittany Murphy) through tap dancing, instead of through singing like the rest of his species. With voicework by Robin Williams, Hugh Jackman, Hugo Weaving, Nicole Kidman, and Steve Irwin.

The History Boys (R for sex and expletives). Comedy set in Sheffield in the eighties, about the assorted adventures of a class of bright, unruly college bound British schoolboys as they prepare for the admissions tests to Cambridge and Oxford.

The Holiday (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Christmas comedy about a California woman (Cameron Diaz) and a British woman (Kate Winslet) both in need of a break from a bad relationship who meet online and decide to swap lives for two weeks and find true love with guys (Jude Law and Jack Black, respectively) they meet in their new locales. With Edward Burns, Rufus Sewell and Eli Wallach.

Home of the Brave (R for profanity and violence). Samuel L. Jackson co-stars with gangsta rapper 50 Cent in this post traumatic stress disorder drama chronicling the efforts of Iraq War veterans to readjust to civilian life after being traumatized by battle duty. Cast includes Jessica Biel, Victoria Rowell and Christina Ricci.

Letters from Iwo Jimo (R for graphic violence). Clint Eastwood directs this companion piece to Flags of Our Fathers, again revisiting the pivotal World War II battle of the Pacific Theater, but this time from the perspectives of a disillusioned Japanese soldier (Kazunari Ninomiya) and his general (Ken Watanabe).

Little Children (Unrated). Infidelity is at the center of this suburban ensemble drama about a love affair between a bored housewife (Kate Winslet) and an unhappily married stay-at-home dad (Patrick Wilson) whose domineering wife (Jennifer Connelly) is disappointed he hasn't been able

The Nativity Story (PG for violence). Biblical drama chronicles the trials and tribulations endured by the Virgin Mary (Keisha Castle-Hughes) and Joseph (Oscar Isaac) during their 100 mile trek from Nazareth to Bethlehem before the birth of the Christ child in a manger.

Night ot the Museum (PG for crude humor, coarse language, and action sequences). Ben Stiller stars in the holiday comedy about a bumbling security guard at the Museum of Natural History who accidentally unleashes a curse which causes the creatures on display to come back to life. With Carla Gugino, Dick Van Dyke, Mickey Rooney, Robin Williams, Ricky Gervais, Charlie Murphy, and the voice of Brad Garrett.

The Pursuit of Happyness (PG-13 for profanity). Will Smith stars in this uplifting biopic based on actual events in the life of Christopher Gardiner, a homeless single-father in San Francisco who overcame the odds by becoming a successful stockbroker. Supporting cast includes Thandie Newton, Jaden Smith (Will's son) and Dan Castellaneta.

The Queen (PG-13 for brief profanity). Helen Mirren handles the title role in this biopic about the crisis which confronted the British royal family when Queen Eltzabeth II and company did not want to mourn publicly in the wake of the death of Princess Diana. With Michael Sheen as Tony Blair, James Cromwell as Prince Philip, Sylvia Syms as the Queen Mum.

Rocky Balboa (PG for salty language and boxing sequences). Sylvester Stallone wrote, directed, and stars in the sixth and final installment where the now widowed and cash-strapped Italian Stallion comes out of retirement to enter the ring with the relgning heavyweight champ (Antonio

Shortbus (Unrated). John Cameron Mitchell directs this unexpurgated film exploring the sordid sexual proclivities of a set of hedonistic sensualists in an "anything goes" salon in New York City. Cast includes Sook-Yin Lee, Paul Dawson, and Lindsay Beamish.

Unaccompanied Minors (PG for crude humor and coarse language). Holiday comedy about the misadventures of children stranded by a snowstorm in a Chicago airport where they spend Christmas Eve without adult supervision except for the uptight passenger relations manager (Lewis Black) and his assistant (Wilmer Valderrama) who they promptly proceed to drive crazy.

Volver (R for sex and expletives). Pedro Almodovar directs this surrealistic melodrama about a deceased matriarch (Carmen Maura) whose ghost returns to help her daughters, one (Penelope Cruz), a hard-working mother married to a lazy burn, the other (Lola Duenas), an eccentric hairdresser, deal with the dysfunction in their lives.

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Dramatic Turnarounds, Stirring Breakthroughs Spiced Up Princeton Sports Landscape in 2006

The year 2006 saw a number of dramatic turnarounds and stirring breakthroughs spice up the local sporting gscene.

At Princeton University, the football team's superb campaign which saw the Tigers rally in several games on the way to earning the program's first lvy League crown since 1995 was just one example g of the drama produced by Tiger athletes

On the local high school scene, a number s of teams rebounded from subpar seasons 2 while other programs and athletes reached new heights.

Winter Wonders

Coming into last winter, Princeton University women's hockey coach Jeff Kampersal had plenty of optimism, knowing that he had a special group of seniors.

That group of battle-hardened veterans, which featured Roxanne Gaudiel, Sarah Butsch, Heather Jackson, Tarah Clark, and Chrissie Norwich, exceeded their coach's expectations as they put logether one of the best seasons in program history.

The Tigers went 21-8-4, setting a single-season record for wins, taking the lvy League title and making the program's first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tour-

While the Tigers fell 4-0 at Minnesota in the NCAA quarters, that couldn't detract from what Princeton's seniors accomplished as they made their final campaign

The PU men's hockey team took a major scalp as it beat Denver University, the program's first win over a defending national champion since the 1960s. In January, the Tigers posted a weekend sweep of Cornell and Colgate, Princeton's first perfect weekend since 2002.

Princeton ended up at 10-18-3, hitting the 10-win mark for the first time since the 2001-02 campaign. A major highlight for the team came off the ice as senior goalle Eric Leroux won the 2006 Hockey Humanitarian Award in recognition of his charity work, which saw him involved in programs from New Jersey to Baltimore

The top individual performance of the winter season came from squash superstar Yasser El-Halaby, a native of Cairo, Egypt. The wiry, skilled El-Halaby won his fourth straight national individual collegiate title, becoming the first male player to accomplish that feat.

Another individual breakthrough came in the form of the storybook rise of Tiger men's basketball player Justin Conway from little-used benchwarmer to honorable mention All-Ivy performer. After playing

just one minute in his first two seasons, junior center Conway was inserted into the starting lineup in mid-January and became a star.

The 6'4 Conway provided athleticism and grit in the post while senior guard Scott Greenman raised his game to a higher level, sparking a late-season surge which saw coach Joe Scott's Princeton win nine of its last 12 games after starting the season 3-12. The Tigers capped their stretch drive with an overtime win against archrival Penn in the season finale as Princeton finished second in the lvies.

Led by senior stars Becky Brown and Katie O'Brien together with sophomore Meg Cowher, the Tiger women's basketball team put together its best season in years.

With center Brown averaging 16.0 points a game and finishing her career as the third all-time scorer with

Dartmouth in the league's (Photo by Bill Alleny N. SpurtAction) NCAA play-in game, coach



the ball in action during his junior season. El-Halaby capped his brilliant Princeton career this past winter by winning his tourth straight national individual collegiate title, becoming the first male player to accomplish that teat. (Photo couriesy of Princeton's Office of Alhietic Comm

Richard Barron's squad finished with 21-7 record, setting a program record for most wins in a season.

Although the Princeton swimming teams encountered some choppy water as both the Tiger men and women fell to Harvard in the regular season, the squads came up big when it counted most. Coach Rob Orr's men's team won the team title at the Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League (EISL) championship meet even though no Princeton swimmer placed first in any individual race. Coach Susan Teeter's women's team cruised to the team crown in the lvy championship meet, easily outpointing its nemesis and meet host Harvard.

Spring Stars

The stars were aligned for coach Lori Dauphiny's women's open crew. Boasting a boat crammed with battle-tested veteran performers, the Tigers put together a season for the ages. Princeton went undefeated in the regular season and cruised to the title in the Eastern Sprints. On a humid May day at Lake Mercer, the Tigers capped their dream season by sailing past Cal on the way to the NCAA title.

The Tiger men's heavyweight crew nearly matched the feats of the women's open boat. Curtis Jordan's crew posted an undefeated season and won the Eastern Sprints crown. The Tigers, though, came up short in the IRA national championship regatta, getting edged by Cal in the grand final. Princeton did gain a healthy measure of consolation in July as it went on to take the Ladies Plate Challenge at the prestigious Henley Royal Regatta held on the Thames River near London.

Early in the spring, the Tiger baseball

team seemed to be heading to a miserable season. Princeton started 2006 with a 4-19-1 record, including a 0-7 mark in Ivy action. Utilizing solid starting pitching and getting some timely hitting, coach Scott Bradley's team caught fire, winning the Gehrig Division crown and earning a shot at Harvard in the lvy championship

The Tigers went up to Boston and swept the favored Crimson to earn a bid in the NCAA tournament. Princeton acquitted itself well in the NCAA Fayetteville Regional in falling 4-1 to Oklahoma State and 6-2 to Arkansas. The Tigers finished the season with a 19-26-1 record.

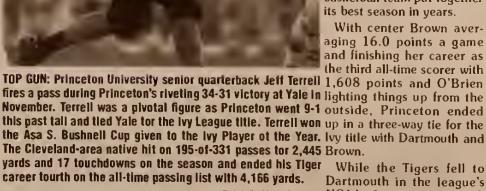
Led by senior pitching ace Erin Snyder, the Princeton softball team won their second straight by title and fourth in five years. Although Maureen Barron's squad went 0-2 in the regionals, the team still ended up with a sparkling 34-19 record.

Snyder, for her part, went 17-7 on the season with a 0.83 ERA and 258 strikeouts. She was named the Ivy League Pitcher of the Year for the second time and smashed Barron's program record of 596 career strikeouts, ending up with a total of 819.

After getting bombed 16-3 by Virginia in late March to fall to 2-4, the Princeton University women's lacrosse team didn't look like it had much of a chance of doing any damage in the NCAA tournament. Chris Sailer's team, however, righted the ship winning nine of its next 10 games to finish the regular season at 11-5 and tied for the lvy title with Cornell.

The Tigers then got sweet revenge as they

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went down to Charlottesville and stunned second-seeded Virginia 8-7 in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. Princeton, though, couldn't get past nemesis Dartmouth as it fell 7-6 to the Big Green in the NCAA quarters to finish with a record of 12-6.

Riding the superb goaltending of junior Alex Hewit, the Princeton men's lacrosse team rebounded in a big way from a disappointing 5-7 season in 2005. With Hewit posting a goals against average of 6.49 and earning firstteam All-American recognition, Princeton tied Cornell for the Ivy league title. Hall of Fame coach Bill Tierney's Tigers topped UMBC in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament before falling to Maryland in the NCAA quarters to end the spring with an 11-5 record.

The Princeton men's track team placed second in the Outdoor Ivy League Heptagonal meet. Senior distance star Frank Macreery, though, kept rolling as he ended up earning All-American status after placing 10th in the 10,000 meters at the NCAA championship meet.

Another senior distance star, Cack Ferrell, sparked the Princeton women's team. Ferrell win the 5,000 and the 3,000 at the Outdoor lvy League Heps as Princeton took fifth in the team standings. Earlier in the season, she set a school-record in the 5,000 with a time of 16:05.52. Ferrell capped her career by placing 11th

championship meet. continued from page 28

Fall Feats

Coming into the fail, the Princeton football team wasn't highly regarded as it was picked to finish sixth in the lvies despite having gone 7-3 in 2005. But showing a resilience that would became its hallmark, coach Roger Hughes' Tigers overcame a 10-0 deficit at Lehigh in the season opener and pulled out a 14-10 win.

Led by senior quarterback Jeff Terrell, the Tigers pulled off one comeback after another, including a dramatic overtime win against Penn and a stunning win at Yale, which saw Princeton fight back from three 14-point deficits to top the Buildogs 34-31. The Tigers ended up with a 9-1 record, tying Yale for the lvy crown. The lvy title was Princeton's first since 1995. The 9-win total was the most in a season for the program since the legendary 1964 team went 9-0.

Terrell established himself as a Princeton legend, winning the Asa S. Bushnell Cup given to the lvy Player of the Year. The Cleveland-area native hit on 195-of-331 passes for 2,445 yards and 17 touchdowns on the season and ended his Tiger career fourth on the all-time passing list with 4,166 yards.

With Paige Schmidt being named the lvy Player of the Year for the second straight season, the Princeton field hockey team took another lvy crown. Coach Kristen Holmes-Winn's Tigers posted a perfect 7-0 lvy mark as the program won its 12th league title in the last 13 seasons.

in the 5,000 at the NCAA Princeton made a breakthrough on the national level as it stunned third-seeded Old Dominion 3-2 in overtime in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Princeton fell 3-0 to Connecticut in the NCAA quarters to finish with a 12-7 record.

> Fueiled by a blend of savvy veterans and talented freshman, the Princeton women's cross country team achieved perhaps the sweetest breakthrough of the fall season. Freshman stars Christy Johnson and Liz Costello led the way as coach Peter Farrell's squad won the lvy League Heptagonal cross country championship for the first time since 1980. Johnson finished fifth in the individual standings while Costello took seventh as the Tigers had seven of the top 18 finishers in edging Columbia to snap the Lions' four-year winning streak at the meet. Princeton went on to win the Mid-Atlantic NCAA regional crown.

The Princeton men's cross country team matched the women's feat at the Heps as it also placed first. Led by David Nightingale in third and Paul Rosa in fifth, Princeton won its first men's team title since 1999. The dual victories by the men and women gave Princeton its first Heps sweep since 1980 and was only the fourth time a school has achieved that feat at the

Entering the fall, the Princeton women's soccer team had a streak of nine straight winning seasons. After losing to Columbia in October to fall to 4-7-1 overall and 0-4 in Ivy play, that



AHEAO OF THE PACK: Princeton University women's hockey star Sarah Butsch streaks up the ice in action last season. Butsch and her fellow members of the Class of 2006 led the Tigers to one of the greatest seasons in program history. The Tigers went 21-8-4, setting a single-season record tor wins, taking the lvy League title and making the program's first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

streak seemed in dire jeopar- with a final mark of 6.8.3 dy. Coach Julie Shackford's Tigers, though, never gave up a goal the rest of the season as they reeled off four straight wins on the way to going 8-7-1 and preserving that string of winning campaigns.

Things didn't end as well for the Princeton men's soccer team. Going 1-3-3 in seven overtime contests, coach Jim Barlow's team ended up

Hun School

Boistered by the addition of star guards Ali Tartacoff and Amanda Sepulveda, the Hun girls' basketball team came into last season with its sights set on toppling powerful Peddie, the winner of nine straight Prep A crowns.

With Emily Gratch and Mary Stinson playing hard inside to supplement the efforts of Tartacoff and Sepulveda on the perimeter, Coach Bill Holup's squad pushed the Peddie hard three times. The Raiders, though, couldn't get over the hump as they fell to the Falcons in the regular season and the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) and state Prep A championship games. Still, Him ended up with a sparkling 20-7 mark.

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GLORY OAY: Princeton University women's open crew head coach Lori Dauphiny, far right, celebrates with her rowers after they received their trophies for winning the NCAA championship race in late May. The triumph capped a perfect season tor Princeton which saw it go 14.0 and then win the Eastern Sprints and the lvy League title along with the national crown.



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REVERSAL OF FORTUNE: Princeton Oay School softball head coach Holly Fewkes, far right, and assistant coach Sue Repko, far left, celebrate with their players after POS edged Pennington 1-0 in May to win the state Prep championship. It was the first Prep B title in 10 years for the Panthers, who finished the season with a 14-3 record after going 4-10 in 2005.

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For the Hun boys' hoops team, Blair proved to be its nemesis. Coach Jon Stone's team fell to the Buccaneers in the MAPL and Prep A semis. With forward Idris Hillaird emerging as one of the best players in the area, Hun had plenty of success against its other foes as it went 17-9.

Sparked by goalie Ben Wirjosemito and the scoring of A.J. Blackburn and Brendan Gallagher, the Hun boys' ice hockey team had some fine moments last winter, including a come-from-behind win over crosstown rival PHS. Coach François Bourbeau's team advanced to the state

Prep semis, finishing with a final record of 10-13-1.

Powerful Lance Goulbourne helped provide a major highlight of Hun's spring season as he helped Raiders edge Lawrenceville to win the state Prep A team championship. With Goulbourne winning at first singles in the Prep A tournament, Wilder at second singles and the second doubles pair of Ren string of titles. Coach Chris the MAPL title and placed second in the team stand-Ings at the Mercer County the state Prep A semifinals. Tournament.

Senior attackman Matt Loy passed the 200-goal mark in his career, leading the Hun boys' lacrosse team to the Prep A championship game. While the Raiders fell 8-2 to nationally-ranked and undefeated Lawrenceville in the title game, first-year coach Greg Provenzano enjoyed a fine debut campaign as he Sampson taking the crown guided Hun to a final record of 12-5.

The Hun girls' lacrosse Gates and Jack Barrett tak- team coached by Provenzing their flight, Hun snapped ano's daughter, Lauren Lawrenceville's seven-year Provenzano, also enjoyed a strong season. Paced by a Kingston's team also won big year from senior attacker Mary Stinson, the Raiders went 11-6 and advanced to

Led by the pitching of Mike

baseball team advanced to Quade, the Raiders finished with a 13-9 record.

After losing four of its first five games, the Hun softball team appeared to be headed for a dismal spring. But sparked by the pitching tan-Carly Evans together with the leadership of infielder Alyssa Fares, the Raiders rebounded nicely from their slow start. Coach Kathy Quirk's club ended up with a final record of 11-5, advancing to the state Prep A title game where it lost a nailbiter to Peddie

Coach Dave Dudeck sensed during the preseason that there was a special unity on his Hun football team. Once the season started, Hun's all-for-one and onefor-all mentality paved the way for a memorable fall. Starting with a 7-6 win over Worcester Academy, Hun proved time and time again to be a resilient squad. The Raiders ended up cruising to the MAPL crown with a 5-0 league record on the way to an overall record of 7-2. It was the program's second league title in the last three

Keeping a remarkable streak alive, the Hun girls' tennis team utilized balance and camaraderie to win its sixth straight MCT title. Coach Joan Nuse's team went 9-1, sparked by the leadership of senior first singles star Caitie Druker and first doubles player Anna Wiinberg.

Things didn't start out too well for the Hun boys' soccer team as it tied WW/P-S 3-3 on opening day and lost senior star defender Matt Sanford to a broken foot. Seeming strengthened by adversity, though, Hunemerged as one of the toughest sides in the area.

Featuring a stingy defense anchored by junior goalie David Putman and a balmore, Hun went on to win the program's first-ever MCT championship. Hun earned the county crown by topping Notre Dame in a shootout after the teams had tied 0-0 after regulation and overtime. Coach Chris Kingston's team finished with a 15-3-1 record, advancing to the state Prep A finals.

With new coach Ken Stevenson at the helm, the Hungirls' soccer team continued to make progress. Sparked by All-Prep senior strikers Lindsay Scott and Val Patriarca, the Raiders posted an 8-5-2 record and came within a whisker of making it to the state Prep A championship game as they dropped a 3-2 overtime heartbreaker to Lawrenceville in the Prep

Princeton Day School

The highlight in the winter season for PDS came when the boys' hockey team regained the state Prep title after losing to Morristown-Beard in the finals in 2005. Fittingly, the Panthers got a rematch with Mo-Beard in the 2006 title game and made the most of the opportunity as senior goalie Jared Tepper anchored a stifling defense in a 3-0 win. It was the Panthers' eight Prep title in the last nine seasons.

The Panthers finished

Russo and the hitting of with an 18-7-1 record but one of the top tennis talents Sean Munley, Billy Swenson, suffered a loss after the seaand Brian Scanlon, the Hun son as longtime head coach Chris Barcless left the team the MAPL title game. Guided in the wake of controversy by long-time coach Bill Mc- surrounding activities of the program's booster group. Barcless was replaced by Scott Bertoli, a former Princeton University hockey star and current Trenton Titans standout.

Led by the scoring and dem of Nikki Caplinger and feistiness of Jessica Cellars, the PDS girls' hockey team advanced to the state Prep semifinals. Coach John Cook's team ended the winter with a 12-13-1.

Drew Godwin culminated his stellar PDS hoops career by averaging 20.8 points a game but the Panthers struggled to a 7-17 mark. After the season, head coach Kyle Zosulis left the program and was succeeded by Matt Levinson, a longtime PDS teacher and coach.

Holly Fewkes took the helm of the PDS softball team, breathing new life into a moribund program which had won four games in 2005 and three the year before. Led by junior pitching ace Nicole Auerbach and shortstop Cait McPhaden, the Panthers served notice early on that they were going to be a formidable team as they got off to a 5-1 start. The Panthers kept rolling, edging Pennington 1-0 in the state Prep B championship game. PDS ended up 14-3 as it won its first Prep title in a decade.

The Panthers' girls' lacrosse team nearly matched that feat as it advanced to the state Prep A title game. Coach Jill Thomas' squad put up a valiant fight in the championship game but lost 11-9 to powerful Oak Knoll in overtime.

While that loss stung, the Panthers could smile for a while at the memory of their 21-15 win at Lawrenceville in the Prep A semis which freshman Lauren Constantini saw Katie Briody register a career-high eight goals. The Panthers finished with a sparkling 14-3 mark as Briody, Keely Langdon, Hananced offense that saw four nah Epstein, Mariel Jenkins players score seven goals or and the Crouse twins, Nina and Allie, all registered multi-goal games during the course of the season.

> Sophomore David Holland stamped himself as

around as he won the first singles flight at the Mercer County Tournament. Showing guts as well as skill, Holland fought through severe cramps in the championship match to top Steinert's Jon Yu 6-3, 6-2. Coach Rome Campbell's team showed guts collectively as it edged Montclair Kimberley 11-10 to earn its second straight Prep B title.

The PDS field hockey team flew past just about everyone it played this fall. Unfortunately the one team it faced the most, Great Road rival Stuart, proved to be its nemesis. The Panthers lost to Stuart in the regular season, the MCT semis, and in the Prep semis. Led by Emily Cook, Briody, and the Crouse twins, PDS ended the season with a 13-5-1 record.

Sparked by feisty seniors Alicia Siani, Ashley Chappo, and Keely Langdon, the PDS girls' soccer team perpetuated the program's winning tradition as it went 10-6-1. Coach Ted Harrington's squad advanced to the state Prep A quarterfinals.

The PDS boys' soccer team didn't produce a winning campaign but junior forward Antoine Hoppenot and senior defender Derek Mayer stood out as they were both named as first-team All-Prep B performers.

After a magical 7-1 season in 2005, the PDS football team struggled this fall. Hampered by a number of injuries, coach Bruce Devlin's squad went 1-6.

The PDS girls' tennis team, on the other hand, produced one of the better turnaround stories of the fall as it went 8-7, a marked improvement on the 2-11 mark it posted in 2005. Coach Patty Headley's squad was paced by senior first singles player Andrea Spector and precocious at third singles.

Princeton High

Swimming star Nina Rossi solidified her position as one of the greatest athletes in PHS history. The powerful Rossi helped coach Greg Hand's Little Tigers to their third straight Public B Central Jersey title.

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FULL THROTTLE: Princeton High running star Libby Bliss flies around a curve last spring in the 800 at the Meet of Champions. Bliss also starred in the fall season as she helped the PHS girls' cross country team earn its Mercer County team championship since 198B,



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Rossi capped her brilliant career with a history-making performance in the NJ-SIAA Girls' Swimming Meet of Champions in March. Rossi won the 100 butterfly in a time of 56.09, breaking a record that had stood since 1981, seven years before Rossi was born. Rossi also won the 200 individual medley, clocking a time of 2:05.64. Rossi, who is now swimming for the University of Maryland, ended her career with six state individual crowns, including three straight in the 100 fly.

While the PHS boys' swimming team didn't have a superstar like Rossi, it achieved a major feat in its own right as it won its sixth straight Public B Central Jersey title. Coach Hand's club got superb efforts from Joe Carroll, Sean MacKenzie, Mike Stehn, and Devin White.

Basketball star Erin Cook made history as she became just the third player in program history to hit the career 1,000-point plateau. Bolstered by Cook's production, coach Nikki Inzano's team went 10-15, hitting the 10win mark for the first time

The PHS boys' ice hockey team got off to a sizzling 11-0-2 start but then stumbled a bit in mid-season. With John Rvan, Sam Finnell, and Peter Teifer leading the way, PHS rebounded to advance to the top 16 in the N.J. public tournament. Coach Paul Merrow's club ended the winter with a 16-8-4 mark.

Like their male counterparts, the PHS girls' ice hockey team got of the gate on a roll as it posted a 4-0 start. Coach Matt Becan's squad, though, cooled off after that as it finished the winter with a 7-7-5 mark.

Wrestler Tom Frantzen produced a major highlight

of the winter season for Barry, Kyle Rasavage, and the 1,000-point mark in her Carys Johnson, Elizabeth a goal in the last minute of PHS as he won the Region Greg Heisen, ended their career as Tony Bowman's Cancelosi, Brittany Kidd, regulation to lose 1-0. De-5 championship at 171 pounds to earn a trip to Atlantic City to compete in the NJSIAA Individual Championships Frantzen was PHS' first regional champion since lan Reddy accomplished the feat in 1993.

Natalie Gengel made history of her own on the track in the pole vault. The senior star soared her way to first place at the Mercer County Championship Meet, the Central Jersey Group III sectional, and the Group III state meet. She capped her career by clearing a meet-record 12'3 in winning the pole vault at the NJSIAA Meet of Champions, Libby Bliss also advanced to the MOC in the 800.

Led by Sam Finnell's play in the goal and the offensive production of Tyler Moni and David Giancola, the PHS boys' lacrosse team produced one of the best seasons in program history. Coach Peter Stanton's team went 17-2 and advanced to the NJSIAA Group II state semifinals.

The PHS girls' lax team produced a stunning reversal of fortune as it went 11-2 this spring after going 4-12 in 2005. Coach Joyce Jones' squad appears to have a bright future as it was led by junior stars Becca Schild, Sarah Wright, Allegra Formento, Elizabeth Haughton, Erin Hoerner, and Rachel Sverdlove.

Continuing its tradition of excellence, the PHS boys' tennis team advanced to the Central Jersey Group 3 sectional final, Coach Sarah Heyman's team ended the spring with a final record of 12-4.

Adding to its recent success, the PHS boys' golf team placed ninth at the Tournament of Champions. PHS' core of seniors Jordan Gibbs, Mike DiMeglio, Jason

careers by going a combine 56-2 in dual matches the last three springs.

The fall season saw the PHS boys' soccer team reassert itself as a dominant program. Led by a core of seniors including Ross Mac-Donald, Jason Barber, Peter Miller, Michael Lynch, Casey Rahn, and Alex Filipiak together with underclassmen Sam Kotowksi and Javier Ramirez, PHS emerged as a formidable side.

Coach Wayne Sutcliffe's squad won the Central Jersey Group III crown and lost a 1-0 heartbreaker to undefeated Shawnee in the state Group III semis. The Little Tigers finished the fall at 17-4, with each of those losses coming by one goal.

Rebounding from a subpar 4-11 season in 2005, the PHS girls' soccer team regained its winning ways, going 10-7-1. Coach Greg Hand's team boasted a superb senior defender in Merle Redding and a core of talented underclassmen in Mary McNutt, Hannah Deming, Hannah Davis, Emina Karp, Olivia Johnston, Carly Edgcomb, and Chantal Ce-

The PHS girls' cross country team made noise as it edged perennial power Hopewell Valley to win the team title at the Mercer County meet, the program's first county crown since 1988. Led by Molly Lynch, Susanne Hansen, Libby Bliss, and Mina Juhn, coach Jim Smirk's.Little Tigers went on to advance to the state Group III meet.

With senior stars Dan Cavallaro and Jeff Wray leading the way, the PHS boys' team placed third at the country meet. Coach John Woodside's team also advanced to the state Group III meet.

Running back Alex Henriques ended his career in style rushing for over 1,100 yards, pushing his career total to a program record of 3,582 yards. Led by Henriques, coach Steve Everette's team rebounded from an 0-4 start to finish 4-6.

Stuart Country Day

Led by Kathryn Kitts, the Stuart basketball team produced a fine season as it advanced to the state Prep B semis. Kitts averaged over 21 points a game and passed

club posted a 13-8 season.

Although the Stuart lacrosse team didn't finish over .500, it still produced a championship season. Led by high-scoring attacker Kelly Bruvik, the Tartans topped Rutgers Prep 10-7 in the championship game to win their second straight Prep B crown. Coach Sara Wagner's team finished the spring with 7-8 record.

The Stuart track team kept a streak alive as it won its fifth straight Prep B title. Standouts for coach Robert

and Jenae Harrington.

In the fall, the Stuart field hockey was a juggernaut right from the start, opening the season with a 6-1 win over Hightstown, Led by the offensive firepower of Bruvik and Jackie Gaudioso-Radvany, the Tartans won their second straight MCT crown as they routed Allentown 4-0.

Coach Missy Bruvik's squad brought an undefeated record into its state Prep title clash with Lawrenceville in early November. The Tar-Abdullah's squad included tans ended up surrendering

spite the loss, Stuart produced a program record for wins, ending the fall with and 18-1-1 mark.

The Stuart cross country team failed in its bld to win a fifth straight Prep B title bu uncovered a star in preco cious freshman Alex Passa no. In early November, Pas sano became the program's first-ever Prep individua champion, covering the 3.1 mile course at Blairstown it a time of 22:33, some 21 seconds ahead of the runner up, Laura Smith of Ranney.

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RECORO PACE: Stuart Country Day senior standout Kelly Bruvik championship game in late October. Bruvik ended 2006 with 21 goals and 13 assists as Stuart went a program-best 1B-1-1. Over her glittering career, Bruvik tallied 66 goals and 43 assists, breaking Tracy Statter's school scoring record.

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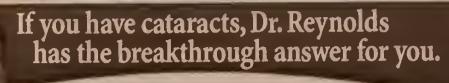
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PU Men's Hoops Goes Long Distance in Rally **But Falls Short in Defeat at South Carolina**

Joe Scott was hoping that cent win over Marshall.

The Tigers shot 55 percent in the first half of that game, building a 27-20 lead on the the Thundering Herd.

Last Wednesday at South his Princeton University Carolina, Princeton was men's basketball team had hanging in there in the early kicked its recent habit of stages, trailing the Gamestarting slowly with its re- cocks just 25-22 with 1:57 left in the first half. But led by prolific guard Tre Kelley, South Carolina closed the half with a 10-0 run to way to a 61-45 triumph over build a 35-22 halftime advantage.



TRIGGER MAN: Princeton University freshman guard Lincoln Gunn In bounds the ball in Princeton's recent win over Marshall. Last Wednesday, Gunn fired in five three-pointers on the way to a career-high 15 points but it wasn't enough as Princeton fell 54-48 at South Carolina. The Tigers, now 7-4, will next be in action when they play at iona on December 30.

(Photo by Hill Allen/NJ SpiritAction)



The Gamecocks stretched their cushion to 16 points at 38.22 before the Tigers forged a furious rally. Sparked by the long distance shooting of Kyle Koncz and Lincoln Gunn, Princeton narrowed the deficit to 51-48 with 1:56 left. The Tigers, though, never scored after that as they lost 54-48 to drop to 7.4 on the sea-

Koncz and Gunn each fired in five three-pointers on the evening with junior forward Koncz ending up with a team-high 19 points and freshman guard Gunn chipping in a career-high 15 points.

The box score reflected an efficient effort on the part of the Tigers as they hit on 12-of-26 three-pointers for a 46.2 percent clip with 14 assists on 17 baskets and just nine turnovers.

Afterward, head coach Scott took plenty of positives from his club's effort as it battled its first SEC opponent since 1996. "I thought we played well for a lot of the game," said Scott as quoted on the Princeton sports website.

'We're doing a better job on oflense every game, and our defense did a much better job of adjusting on Kelley in the second half. He's one of the better guards in the SEC and a senior, and it was a real learning experience for our freshman quard (Marcus Schroeder) having to deal with that."

After a brief holiday respite, the Tigers will hope for a more positive learning experience when they travel up to Westchester County on December 30 to take on

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N.J. Native Kalemba Has Come a Long Way In Becoming Star Goalie for PU Men's Hockey

of nearby Saddle Brook but he has come a long way to become the starting goalie for the Princeton University men's ice hockey team.

After helping Bergen Catholic to the N.J. state high school championship as a freshman, Kalemba headed to New England to play at The Hotchkiss School.

Kalemba thrived at Hotchkiss, earning all-league recognition as a senior. From Connecticut, he headed to Kearney, Neb. in 2004 to play for the Tri-City Storm of the U.S. Hockey League.

He then moved to the USHL franchise in Green Bay, Wis. before culminating his junior career last winter in Manitoba, Canada playing with the Flin Flon Bombers of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League.

But as Kalemba was making his way through the juniors, he had his mind on playing for Princeton. "I made a visit to Princeton in the summer of 2004," recalled Kalemba. "I liked the program, the coaches, and the players. I thought going there could be great for my career and I thought I could help the program.

Kalemba arrived at Princeton this September and he has proven to be a big help, becoming the starter after Princeton started the 2006-07 campaign with a 1-6-1 record.

Since Kalemba has taken over between the pipes, the Tigers have gone 4-1-1 and he has posted an overall 2.55 goals against average in the process.

The 5'11, 175-pound Kalemba has enjoyed the challenge of adjusting to college hockey. "I think the speed of the game is the biggest difference; the game is a lot quicker," said Kalemba, whose first college action

Zane Kalemba is a native came at his boyhood rink in West Orange as Princeton took on Bentley in its season opener. "I'm getting used to the defensemen; communicating with them and knowing where they are going to

> It's no suprise that Kalemba has quickly developed a comfort level on the ice for the Tigers, considering that he has been playing goalie since he was in nursery school.

> "I started playing hockey when I was two. My brother [Zac] played hockey and I followed him," recalled Kalemba, whose brother went on to be a star forward for American International Col-

> "I have been a goalie since I was four. My brother was the shooter and I tried to stop his shots. I started playing youth hockey when I was five; I always enjoyed being in the spotlight. I liked it from the start; if anyone can control a game, it is the goalie."

Kalemba's move to Hotchkiss helped him gain control on and off the ice. "It was helpful to me; I learned to play against older players," said Kalemba. "Off the ice it was a great school. It definitely helped prepare me for Princeton. I learned to balance schoolwork and get work done during the week before playing games on the weekend.

Playing in the juniors hardened him mentally. "The biggest jump was going from Hotchkiss to the USHL and playing against the best players in the country," asserted Kalemba. "You had to learn how to travel on 15-hour bus rides and then get out and play. The mental aspect was tough; you have to be very focused. If you take a shift off, it's going to cost you."

Kalemba is known around the Princeton team for his unflappable nature, a trait he has developed over the vears. "I've learned that you're going to let goals in and you can't dwell on that," said Kalemba. "You have to focus on the next shot. When you're winning, you can't get too high and when vou're losing you can't get too low."

That mentality served Kalemba well as he and his teammates endured a 0.4-1 start this season.

"We were playing well, we just weren't putting a whole game together," said Kalemba, who was installed as the starter for Princeton's trip to Dartmouth and Harvard in late November and helped the Tigers to a tie with the Big Green and a win over the Crimson.

"I think our first win over Clarkson carried into the Dartmouth/Harvard weekend. We finally started to put things together; learning what to do to win. We know now that no matter what the score is, we can't let up.'

As Princeton has climbed to sixth place in the ECAC Hockey League standings with a 4.5-1 conference mark, Kalemba is confident in the team's ability to do even more damage the rest of this season and beyond.

"Three or four years ago, the program was really struggling," said Kalemba, who will be back in action when the Tigers host Nebraska-Omaha on December 29 and Minnesota State a day later. "We're doing a lot better, not just in posting wins but in goals for and against, power plays, and number of shots. I came here to help put the program on the map. We know what the 1998-99 team did and we want to get back to that position. I want to win the ECAC before I leave."

If Kalemba can build on his hot start, he could help the Tigers go a long way.

-Bill Alden



HOME GROWN: Princeton University freshman goalie Zane Kalemba turns aside a shot in recent action. Kalemba, a Saddle Brook, N.J. native, has emerged as a star for the Tigers, helping them go 4-1-1 since he was installed as the starter. Kalemba has posted a 2.55 goals against average in his debut season. The Tigers, now 5-7-2 overall and 4-5-1 in ECAC Hockey League play, will next be in action when they host Nebraska-Omaha on Oecember 29 and Minnesota State the next day.





PHS Boys' Swim Team Falls to WW/P-S: **But Looking Forward to Future Challenges**

With a roster of just 15 last Thursday to bring a or so competitors, the Princeton High boys' swimming team knew it faced a tall order in its meet last week at powerful WW/P-S.

In the early stages of the meet, PHS put a scare into the Pirates as it trailed by just 27-19 after three events. But utilizing the depth and quality of its 25-strong lineup, the Pirates inexorably pulled away to a 101-69 victory.

PHS head coach Greg Hand saw the meet as a good learning experience. I like the team effort overtopped Hamilton 100-60 roll took first in the 200 and

2-2 record into its holiday break.

"South just has more than we have so the challenge is severe head-to-head. We want to compete with everybody else we face the rest of the way. If we can learn some technical lessons from the races today, the challenge will show us after the fact how much room we have to improve."

With stars like senior Joe Carroll and sophomore Sean MacKenzie leading the way, the Little Tigers should be up to most of the challenges all," said Hand, whose team they face this season. Car-

500 freestyle races against WW/P-S while Mackenzie won the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke.

"I think you saw Joe Carroll and Sean MacKenzie really have a strong meet today," asserted Hand, who has guided the PHS boys' program to six straight Public B Central Jersey section

quite a void.

While no one swimmer can

replace a talent like Rossi.

the Little Tigers have shown

so far this season that their

core of veterans isn't fazed

by the loss of Rossi. After

cruising past Hamilton 117-

51 last Thursday, PHS went

into the holiday break with

Longtime PHS head coach

only setback was a 99.71

balance we've shown across

the events," sald Hand,

whose top returners include

a 3-1 record.

last week.

The 200 and 500 are so different, there is a big variation in times from meet-tomeet. You expect swimmers to crank out certain times but you really have to put a race together now and then. Sean had two terrific races today, both technically and in terms of focus. I think he won the breaststroke today on his turns which shows the focus he has in his training.

PHS has been getting some focused efforts from freshman star Ismail Bouzaiene-Ayari in the early going, "We've demanded a lot out of him from the first day," said Hand. "He's starting to feel comfortable with that, He likes to race; he wants to improve. He doesn't worry too much about times; he just works hard.'

The key to PHS' ultimate success this season may come down to how much improvement it sees in some of the experienced members of its supporting cast.

"We have some veteran kids who didn't score for us last year and they are going to have an impact; guys like Derrick Lee in the backstroke, Ned Harmor In the breaststroke; Brad Dewey in the freestyle and Theo Kandaurov in the butterfly," said Hand, whose team will next be in action when it swims at WW/P-N on January 2. "They are really trying to figure it out. None of them are year-round swimmers and they are all getting faster."

-Bill Alden

Think Global **Buy Local**

The graduation of super- Ferguson, Ali Mercuro, and star Nina Rossi this past Gaby Cifuentes together June left the Princeton High with juniors Kathleen Morgirls' swimming team with rison, Paige Johnson, and Liz Cava.

Adjusting to Graduation of Superstar Rossi.

PHS Girls' Swimming Team Displaying Depth

The versatile and gifted "The whole group, all of Rossi, who won six state those guys are working hard. individual crowns in her We may not have enough to PHS career, was dominant take down a team like South in the butterfly and individbut the idea is to see whethual medley. She was nearly er we can do something real unbeatable in the freestyle special later on in the conand handled the anchor leg ference or beyond." duties for many a winning

Hand knows he has somefreestyle races. "She is the consummate athlete: she is just a warm, supportive person who gives absolutely everything she has," asserted Hand, whose girls' team has won three straight Public B Central Jersey sectional championships.

Greg Hand likes what he's "She does all her training seen from his club, whose with her club but hangs out with the team more than loss to powerful WW/P-S anyone who is in club swimming. She understands all the adages about doing what 'We had lineup adjustyou can do and not worrying ments to make obviously about anybody else." and I'm real pleased with the

Boyce has done everything she can do to get the most seniors Katie Boyce, Martha out of her potential. "Katie ing."

was an outside lane swimmer for us in the past and today she was our top entry of in the 50 free," said Hand after the WW/P-S meet. 3 "She's not a club swimmer but she has made it to the S point of being our go to girl 3 simply by virtue of working very, very hard."

PHS has a go-to girl of 9 the future in freshman star Kristiana Kalibat, "She's terrific," said Hand in assessing his precocious ...
"We've already used her all \(\begin{align*}
\text{** Said Hand, \(\begin{align*}
\ over the lineup," said Hand. "We had her in the IM and thing special in Morrison, the 100 today; she just goes on who is a consistent winner out there as if it were any in both the 200 and 500 thing else; that's what we

> In order to keep on track, N the Little Tigers need to maintain their work ethic 8 and winning spirit. "We can't he best out everyday but we can have a great workout everyday," said Hand, whose team will next be in action when it swlms at WW/P-N on January 2.

"We try to provide them with the appropriate challenge but they have to make It work and that's what we respect about them. We think we have a very hard-In Hand's view, senior star working, well-focused and spirited team. Everybody just needs to keep work-

-Bill Alden



FLYING START: Princeton High swimming star Kathleen Morrison displays her butterfly form in a meet last winter. With Morrison consistently excelling in both the 200 and 500 treestyle races, the PHS girls' team is off to a 3-1 start this season. The Little Tigers will next be in action when they swim at WW/P-N on January 2. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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A lot of college football fans bottom of a pile. He almost wanted to see Ohio State didn't survive and had to be and Michigan play for the carried off the field. After 2006 national champion- his playing days, Nobile ship, and with good reason. started the first football Their rivalry is as heated as team at Pittsburgh's Western it gets. For example, in 1946 Penitentiary. The team was Michigan led 55-0 late in the called the "Stealers," and game and lined up to kick a as Nobile once said, "We

ketball teams start scouting young players as early as their junior high school years. But getting a player at that age to commit? It happened in the fall of 2006, when Southern Cal received a verbal commitment from Dwayne Polee, who was 14 years old and hadn't even played a game in high school. It didn't hurt that Polee was already 6-foot-6 and skilled Did you hear about the only enough to play guard. For the

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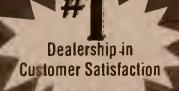
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CREASE CONTROL: Princeton High goalle Shane Leuck (No. 33) controls the puck in recent action. Last Thursday, Leuck helped PHS blank Ewing 10-0 as the Little Tigers improved to 2-3-1. Senior forward John Ryan had two goals and two assists In the contest as he reached the 200-point mark in his career. He is just the 10th player in CVC history to reach that plateau. PHS was slated to play Ridgewood on December 22 and then be off until tacing Middletown South on January 3 at Baker (Photo by Bill Allery NJ SportAction)

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Wrestling: PHS fought hard but ultimately came up short as it dropped Its regular season opener 42-36 to visiting Steinert last Wednesday. Winners for PHS included Shabeg Singh

at 215 pounds, Stephen Perna at 285, Anastaclo Perez at 119, Louis Marchetta at 125, Calvin Brasor at 135, David Kirkenor at 140, and Peter Asmuth at 171. PHS led the match 30-18 before Steinert rallied with four late pins. The Little Tigers have liome matches against Lawrence on December 27 and Hopewell Valley on De-





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The nomination forms must be returned by January 31, 2007.

Princeton Travel Basketball Recent Results

The Princeton Recreation Department's Under-11 girls' travel basketball dropped a 13-12 decision to Montgomery in Central Jersey League action over the weekend of December 16. Alison Hubert and Elizabeth Jacobs scored four points each for Princeton.

PU Women's Soccer **Holding Winter Camps**

The Princeton University women's soccer program and Tiger head coach Julie Shackford are hosting six indoor winter camps in January and February, open to girls in kindergarten through seventh grade.

Shackford and Princeton assistant coaches Scott Champ and Ron Celestin will serve as camp staff. The campers will have the opportunity to work with the Princeton staff on both offensive and defensive skills during the clinics to take place January 7, 14, 21 and 28 and February 4 and 18, all to take place at Dillon Gym, from 10:30 a.m. to noon on those dates.

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Each session will be held from 12:30-2 p.m. at Jadwin Gymnasium on the campus of Princeton University.

There are a limited number of spots available in this program. The clinic is open to Princeton residents and nonresidents that attend school in Princeton. For more information, please call the Princeton Recreation Department at (609) 921-9480.

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Hosting Coaching Clinic

The Princeton Little League will be hosting coaching clinics to be conducted by Rider University varsity baseball coach Barry Davis.

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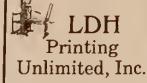


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Obituaries

Elizabeth W. Samuels

Elizabeth Willey Samuels, 88, of Boulder, Colo., formerly of Princeton, died December 9 in Boulder.

Born in Trenton, she had resided in Princeton before moving to Colorado two years ago.

A graduate of Miss Fine's School in Princeton and Trenton State Teachers College, she received a master's degree from Temple University.

She was a teacher at Miss Fine's, a sales representative for the American Book Company, and a learning disability specialist with the Hopewell Valley School System before retiring in 1988.

Predeceased by her husband, James W. Samuels, and daughter, Wesley Ross, she is survived by a daughter, Brenda Zellner of Boulder; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held May 5 at Nassau Presbyterian Church, at a time to be announced later. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation of America, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 29119, Phoenix, Ariz. 85038.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Saul Memorial Home, 1740 Greenwood Avenue, Trenton 08609.

Bonnie L. Wagner

84, of Meadow Lakes, a longtime Princeton resident, free time he enjoyed fishing, died December 19 after a traveling, collecting post

Born in Tacoma, Wash., she received a bachelors degree in economics from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash.

She played a formidable role in the development of outreach programs for those in need of academic, emotional, and/or financial support in the Princeton and Trenton area. One of the founders of the Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton, she was an effective volunteer for decades. She served on the Vestry of Trinity Church. With her husband Arthur she taught at the Trenton After School Program. She was a member of the Princeton Regional School Board during its period of consolidation.

She helped Vietnamese refugees settle in Princeton and more recently served on the Hospital Chaplaincy. She also served on the Princeton Board of Health and as the administrator of the Princeton Ballet Society.

In addition to her humanitarian service she loved gardening, interacting with nature, and traveling with her husband.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur; three daughters, Karen Rieser, Laurie Dalton, and Barbara Melnikov; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton, 123 East Hanover Street, Trenton 08608-1703.

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cards, listening to music, appreciating animals, and participating in and watching sports.

A spiritual person who came from a Baptist home, he also had an appreciation for and understanding of other religious denominations.

The son of the late Fred Lee Wilson II, he is survived by his mother, Verna D. Wilson of Ewing; his wife, Patty; two children, Anita and Kyle; and a brother, Richard Wilson of Princeton.

A memorial service will be held for family and friends at the First Baptist Church of Princeton, John Street and Paul Robeson Place, this Saturday, December 30

Arrangements are by the Hughes Funeral Home, Trenton.



Fred L. Wilson III

Fred Lee "Mike" Wilson III, 51, of Houston, formerly of Princeton, died December 12 in Houston.

He excelled in academics and sports at Princeton High Bonnie Louise Wagner, School, McPherson College, and Doane College. In his

Religion

The Princeton Church of Christ will host three divorce recovery programs during the month of January.

Divorce recovery support groups will meet for open discussion on Friday, January 5 at 7:30 p.m., and Friday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m.

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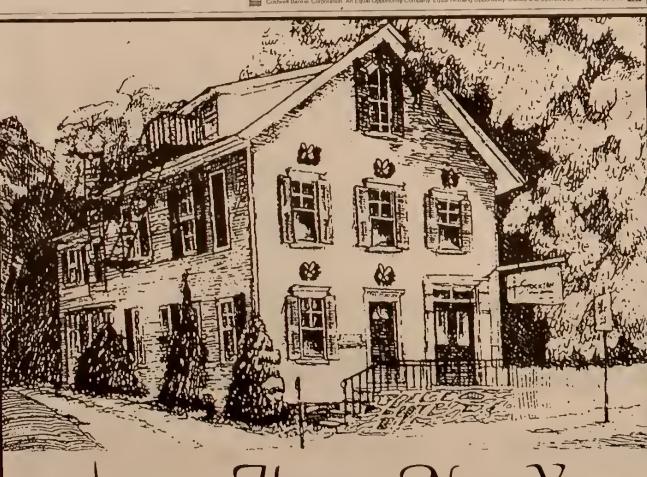
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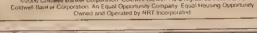
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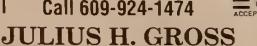
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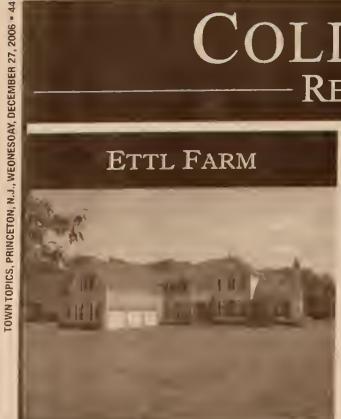
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